



Ellie-Fant and the Teardrop Sponge

Down in the land where the elephants live
Little Ellie-Fant plays with her friends.
Jerry the Giraffe and Harry the Hippo are
the ones on who she depends.

In elephant land they liked to be clean,
So bath time was twice a day!
But while Ellie-Fant's friends loved to be clean,
Poor Ellie would hide away.

‘WHY?’ you shout, well let me explain,
It’s a sorrowful tale to tell,
All elephants spout water to keep themselves clean,
But Ellie’s didn’t work that well!

She couldn’t spout water, try as she might,
Her honker was conk, her nozzle not right,
Her muzzle was trouble, her schnozzle kaput,
Whatever it was, her trunk was shut!

All the elephants by the waterhole,
Would laugh and point and stare,
Would call her names and whisper rude things,
Poor Ellie was in despair.

This happened almost every time,
Until one day Ellie gave in,
She ran to another waterhole,
And sobbed into the spring.
And as she sobbed, and sobbed she tried once more,
To snort the water and blow,
But as she snorted, she felt something soft,
Get stuck inside her nose!

‘ACHOO!’ she sneezed, and out it shot,
And Ellie was amazed to see,
A sponge in the shape of a teardrop,
Land on the nearest tree!

‘What’s this?’ Ellie asked, puzzled,
Studied it with a curious look,
Then wiped it across one of her legs,
And it cleared away the muck!

‘That’s it!’ she cried in disbelief,
The idea clear in her mind,
She could use this sponge to clean herself,
And she did, until she shined!

Jerry & Harry shouted out,
Wow they exclaimed ‘How clean!
How have you done that without a spout?
It’s beautiful, spotless, pristine!’

And from that moment, every elephant and friend
Washed with a teardrop sponge,
It made bath time even more fun,
And got rid of all the gunge.

And no one ever teased Ellie again,
She was known as the bath time queen!
Making sure that EVERY elephant and friend
Had the ability to stay clean.

So, if you feel like you don’t quite fit,
Don’t feel the need to change.
By being you, and staying true,
You never know what you might do,
You could make the world a better place,
So that EVERYONE can feel safe.