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A PLATYPUS SONG

(ALL SPOKEN...)

I WANTED TO WRITE YOU A PLATYPUS SONG
SO I SAT ON THE BANK OF AN OLD BILLABONG
AND DECIDED TO WAIT UNTIL ONE CAME ALONG
SO THAT I COULD DESCRIBE IT TO YOU.

BUT YOU KNOW, PLATYPI ARE INCREDIBLY SHY
AND I WAITED AN AGE FOR ONE TO SWIM BY
THE STARS WERE BEGINNING TO APPEAR IN THE SKY
I WAS JUST ABOUT READY TO LEAVE ...

WHEN SUDDENLY... THERE WAS A PLOP IN THE WATER
AND A SHAPE APPEARED
THE RIPPLES SPREAD, AND AS IT NEARED
A HEAD BOBBED UP, AND TWO EYES PEERED -
A PLATYPUS AT LAST!

THE PLATYPUS IS A MAGICAL CREATURE
'CAUSE WHEN YOU EXAMINE IT FEATURE BY FEATURE
IT SEEMS MOTHER NATURE IS OUT TO DEFEAT YOU
IN TRYING TO DESCRIBE IT AT ALL

SHE'S AN EXCELLENT SWIMMER - SHE GLIDES AS SHE GOES
AIDED BY FLIPPERS ATTACHED TO HER TOES
WHERE THERE SHOULD BE A NOSE
THERE'S A THING I SUPPOSE
THAT COULD BE BEST DESCRIBED AS A BEAK.

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BUT DON'T BE MISLED - SHE ISN'T A BIRD
THOUGH SHE'S HATCHED FROM AN EGG
SHE'S NOT FEATHERED, SHE'S FURRED
SHE'S AT HOME IN THE WATER BUT AS FAR AS I'VE HEARD
SHE LIVES IN A HOLE IN THE GROUND

AN AMAZING ASSORTMENT OF PIECES AND BITS
THOUGH IT DOESN'T SEEM POSSIBLE YOU HAVE TO ADMIT
THAT SOMEHOW OR OTHER THE PIECES ALL FIT
IN A MARVELLOUS THING CALLED A PLATYPUS

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