

Welcome the World

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You know all about your foods
like cheese and eggs and onion rings
and bread and squash and apples.
Sprouts and fish and ginger snaps
and all those vittle staples.

But there's a whole wide world of other foods.

So,
let's all try grasshopper,
crispy crunchy grasshopper.
Grasshopper is food
for our hungry brood.

Then,
let's all eat some dumplings,
yummy stuffing dumplings.
A dumpling is food
for our hungry brood.

Then,
let's all get some kimchi,
napa cabbage kimchi.
Kimchi will be food,
for our hungry brood.

Now,
some folks won't join us.
They just want certain foods.
So how about clothes instead?

You know all about your clothes
like shirts and shoes and underwear

and hats and jeans and hoodies.
Capes and gloves and overalls
and all those garment goodies.

But there's a whole wide world of other clothes.

So,
let's all try pajamas,
nice and soft pajamas.
Pajamas are clothes
for our fashion shows.

Then,
let's all wear a loincloth,
comfy homespun loincloth.
A loincloth is clothes,
for our fashion shows.

Then,
let's all get our earmuffs,
noise protection earmuffs.
Our earmuffs are clothes,
for our fashion shows.

Now,
some folks won't join us.
They just want certain clothes.
So how about shapes instead?

You know all about your shapes
like squares and lines and triangles
and hearts and curves and letters.
Coils and cones and cylinders
and all those graphic figures.

But there's a whole wide world of other shapes.

So,
let's all try squircles,
rounded square squircles.
Our squircles are shapes
for our image scapes.

Then,
let's all draw lemniscates,
lovely loopy lemniscates.
Lemniscates are shapes
for our image scapes.

Then,
let's all get cardioids,
bouncy beany cardioids.
Cardioids are shapes
for our image scapes.

Now,
some folks won't join us.
They just want certain shapes.
So how about things instead?

You know all about your things
like stuff and foods and emotions
and thoughts and shapes and gonads.
Clothes and parts and animals
and all those dingus doodads.

But there's a whole wide world of other things.

So,
let's all try nantoka,
Japanese nantoka.
Nantoka are things
for our gatherings.

Then,
let's all have dingseboms,
Norwegian dingseboms.
Our dingseboms are things
for our gatherings.

Then,
let's all get imkutsihq,
Yup'ik imkutsihq.
imkutsihq are things
for our gatherings.

Now everyone can join us.
We all like certain things.
So let's put this song to bed.

You know all about your category words.

Foods
Clothes
Shapes
Plants
Emotions
Animals
Vehicles
and
Things!

Nobody has everything.
But everyone has some things.

And we can all try out each other's things... now.