

Kites

Kites flying,
Swoop and sway
Along the beach
On a windy day.

Kites sparking
Like sea spray,
Along the beach
On a sunny day.

Kites flapping,
Wet and grey,
Along the beach
On a rainy day.

Kites tossing,
Up and away,
Along the beach
On a stormy day.

Thomas Heine

To the sea!

Who'll be first?
Strode off,
in a row,
four legs fast,
two legs slow . . .
Ready now?
Off we go!
Tip-toe,
dip-e-toe,
heel and toe—
Yes or no?
Cold as snow!
All at once,
in we go!
One,
two,
three,

SPLASH!

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