

# Band-Aids

by Shel Silverstein

I have a Band-Aid on my finger,  
One on my knee, and one on my nose,  
One on my heel, and two on my shoulder,  
Three on my elbow, and nine on my toes.  
Two on my wrist, and one on my ankle,  
One on my chin, and one on my thigh,  
Four on my belly, and five on my bottom,  
One on my forehead, and one on my eye.  
One on my neck, and in case I might need 'em  
I have a box of thirty-five more.  
But oh! I do think it's sort of a pity  
I don't have a cut or a sore!



*Where the Sidewalk Ends, 1974*

## Choose the challenge that's right for you!

- How many Band-Aids is the boy wearing? How many Band-Aids does he have altogether?
- If the boy is wearing 1"x 3" Band-Aids, how long would they be lined up end-to-end? Would they go across your classroom?
- How much surface area (sq. in.) of the boy's body is covered with Band-Aids?
- How many Band-Aids would you need to cover the palm of your hand? The bottom of your foot? Your desk? The floor of your classroom?
- If a box of 30 Band-Aids costs \$1.97, *about* how much would it cost to cover your desk with Band-Aids? A table? Your classroom floor? A football field?
- Who is wearing more Band-Aids, the boy in Shel Silverstein's poem or Bernina in Kenn Nesbitt's poem (see p.2)? How many more?

# Bernina's Band-Aids

By Kenn Nesbitt

Bernina had a Band-Aid  
on her elbow and her chin,  
her ankles, knees and forehead,  
plus her shoulder and her shin.

Another two were on her ears  
and ten were on her toes.  
She'd one on every finger  
and a big one on her nose.

Her Band-Aids were the coolest  
that her friends had ever seen.  
A few of them had leopard spots  
and some were neon green.

A bunch were lit with lightning bolts,  
or stars and crescent moons,  
while some had superheroes  
from the Saturday cartoons.

Bernina's now in trouble  
for there's just one little catch;  
she used up all the Band-Aids  
but she didn't have a scratch.

