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Lily Bird

Congo African Grey Parrot
Knows she is prettier than us
Lily likes walks about her house
Yeah, we just pay the rent
Comfy in copious cage
Nice days enjoys backyard patio
Near flora and fauna
Reminds her of former country
Lily speaks two tongues fluently
Yup, smarter than folks
Listens as guests talk
Sometimes yells at them
In foul bird language
Thinks she's funny
Exercises more than us
Sings favorite songs
Doing voice and instruments
Showoff
Visitors drop by to say hello
Are kind enough to give her peanuts
Lily tolerates some company
Later laughs at them
Though she is cuter shrewder and comical
We all love Lily Bird

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Play

"I could play," they say
Go deep Catch football pass
Run long Spin around
They all ran away
Not funny

Down Dead End Hill on
Wood snow sled
Must make Left or Right
Drag boots Jump off
Face finds rose bush hidden in snow
Sled lands fine

Figure I can hit a softball
It is big
Pitch comes in fast and high
Left cheek smacked
Ump gives me first base
Did not want it that bad

Parachute jump looks slow
So scared foot shrinks Sneaker falls off
Keep going higher. Shoot billows
Fun going down
Will never go on again

Count, then search for buddies
Around cars, under porches
Getting dark
Probably went home for supper
Think they funny