

The Bully Asleep by John Walsh

This afternoon, when grassy
Scents through the classroom crept,
Bill Craddock laid his head
Down on his desk, and slept.

The children came round him:
Jimmy, Roger, and Jane;
They lifted his head timidly
And let it sink again.

'Look, he's gone sound asleep Miss',
Said Jimmy Adair;
'He stays up all the night, you see;
His mother doesn't care.'

'Stand away from him children.'
Miss Andrews stopped to see.
'Yes, he's asleep; go on
With your writing, and let him be.'

'Now's a good chance!' whispered Jimmy,
And he snatched Bill's pen and hid it.
'Kick him under the desk, hard;
He won't know who did it'

'Fill all his pockets with rubbish -
Paper, apple-cores, chalk.'
So they plotted, while Jane
Sat wide-eyed at their talk.

Not caring, not hearing,
Bill Craddock he slept on;
Lips parted, eyes closed -
Their cruelty gone.

'Stick him with pins!' muttered Roger.
'Ink down his neck!' said Jim.
But Jane, tearful and foolish,
Wanted to comfort him.

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Line	Poem	F	B
1.	This afternoon, when grassy Scents through the classroom crept,	Kalib	Danielle
2.	Bill Craddock laid his head Down on his desk, and slept.	Thomas	Ellie
3.	The children came round him: Jimmy, Roger, and Jane;	Ashton	Crystal
4.	They lifted his head timidly And let it sink again.	Sonia	Daniel
5.	'Look, he's gone sound asleep Miss', Said Jimmy Adair;	Lisa	Ryan
6.	'He stays up all the night, you see; His mother doesn't care.'	Chloe	Reuben
7.	'Stand away from him children.' Miss Andrews stopped to see.	Evelyn	Sasha
8.	'Yes, he's asleep; go on With your writing, and let him be.'	Fergus	Peter
9.	'Now's a good chance!' whispered Jimmy, And he snatched Bill's pen and hid it.	Kim	Thom
10.	'Kick him under the desk, hard; He won't know who did it'	Andrew	Nicolas
11.	'Fill all his pockets with rubbish - Paper, apple-cores, chalk.'	Eaton	Guy
12.	So they plotted, while Jane Sat wide-eyed at their talk.	Jacob	Damien
13.	Not caring, not hearing, Bill Craddock he slept on;	Holy	Blue
14.	Lips parted, eyes closed - Their cruelty gone.	Cam	Jordan
15.	'Stick him with pins!' muttered Roger. 'Ink down his neck!' said Jim.	Georgia	Daniel
16.	But Jane, tearful and foolish, Wanted to comfort him.	Kate/Alexis	Ellie