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**Subject: English**

**Aspect: First Flight Book**

**Topic: Tale Of Custard The Dragon**

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Poem Explanation:

## Stanza 1

The poet says that once there was a little girl named Belinda. She lived in a little white house. She lived with some creatures who were her pets. They were a black kitten, a grey mouse, a yellow dog, a little red wagon and a creature that the poet says was really and truly a dragon.

Rhyme scheme: aabb (house-mouse, wagon-dragon)

## Stanza 2

The poet explains the name of all the animals that are tamed by Belinda. He says that the name of black kitten is ink. The name of grey mouse is blink. The little yellow dog had yellow colour and so she calls him mustard and the dragon that was a coward means was a weakling was called custard.

## Stanza 3

The poet describes the dragon that it had big sharp teeth and spikes on top. This means that its skin was pointed on the top. On the lower part it had scales which were bony plates to protect the skin. His mouth has been compared to a fireplace because it is assumed that dragons can release fire from the mouth. Even his nose is compared to a chimney which is used to pass out smoke. His feet are like a sharp knife i.e. a dagger.

Rhyme scheme: aabb (teeth-underneath, nose-toes)

## Stanza 4

So, now the poet explains the inner strength or the bravery of various characters of the poem. He says that Belinda was as brave as a group of bears and ink and blink were so brave that they could hunt lions. So here he has shown the bravery of the kitten and the little mouse that could hunt even a lion. The dog was very brave just like an angry tiger. But to contrast of all of them was Custard. Custard, the dragon was not brave he was so afraid of everything that he always demanded a safe cage.

Rhyme scheme: aabb (bears-stairs, rage-cage)

### Stanza 5

Belinda used to stroke the dragon in a very cruel way. Ink, blink and mustard made fun of him by comparing him to a knight named Percival who was thought to be brave but ran away due to lack of courage. They used to tease the dragon while sitting in their little red wagon.

Rhyme scheme: aabb (unmerciful-Percival, wagon-dragon)

### Stanza 6

The poet says that Belinda used to laugh so loudly that her voice echoed in the house. Blink, the mouse used to laugh and make a sound of week. On the other hand, ink and mustard would tease him by asking the dragon his age whenever he used to demand for a nice safe cage.

Rhyme scheme: aabb (house-mouse, rage-cage)

### Stanza 7

So, while all of them were making fun of the dragon, they heard a sound of someone entering the house. When they looked towards the window they saw a pirate climbing up the wall. The dog barked at him and the kitten meowed to him. Belinda cried 'ooh' because all of them were scared of the pirate (who robs ships).

Rhyme scheme: aabb (sound-around, Belinda-winda)