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"Doubleback Alley"

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People were proud in Doubleback Alley
Neighbors were loud, but ever so pally
People would shout, joking about
The smoke and the soot, Mother would put
The milk bottles out

We had a good time in Doubleback Alley
With fences to climb, and Father O'Malley
To clip your ear, and steer you clear
Of the funny man in the ice cream van
Who talked so queer

Doubleback Alley takes me back and in my mind I see
Happy, smiling faces if I flog my memory

Plenty to do in Doubleback Alley
Play peek-a-boo with Saccharine Sally
Bouncing a ball against a wall
Showing her drawers, "You come indoors!"
Her dad would call

(Aaaaaah)
(La la la laaaaa)
(Laaaaaa)
(La la la laaaaa)

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Stinking of gin in Doubleback Alley
Grinning a grin in Doubleback Alley
Kick a dustbin, bingo to win
Windows to break, Mother would take
The milk bottles in

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