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"Adventures of Isabel"

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Isabel met an enormous bear
Isabel, Isabel, she didn't care
bear was hungry, bear was ravenous
bear's big mouth was cruel and cavernous
bear said, Isabel, glad to meet you
How do, Isabel, now I'll eat you
Isabel, Isabel, she didn't worry
Isabel didn't scream or scurry
Washed her hands straightened her hair up
Then Isabel ate the bear up

Once in a night black as pitch
Isabel met a wicked old witch
witch's face was cross and wrinkled
witch's gums with teeth were sprinkled
Ho, ho, Isabel! old witch crowed
I'll turn you into an ugly toad
Isabel, Isabel, didn't worry
Isabel didn't scream or scurry
showed no rage, showed no rancor
turned the witch into milk and drank her
Oh yeah,

Isabel!!!

Isabel met a hideous giant
Isabel so self reliant
giant was hairy, giant horrid
One eye in the middle of his forehead
morning, Isabel, giant said
I'll grind your bones and make my bread
Isabel, Isabel, she didn't worry
Isabel didn't scream or scurry
nibbled on his zwieback that she fed off
When it was gone, she cut the giant's head off

Isabel!!!

Isabel met a troublesome doctor
punched and poked till he really shocked her
doctor's talk was of coughs and chills
doctor's satchel bulged with pills

doctor said wow Isabel
Swallow this, it will make you well
Isabel, Isabel, didn't worry
Isabel didn't scream or scurry

Took those pills from the pill concocter
Then Isabel cured the doctor, yeah, oh yeah

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