She was married and then divorced Things seemed to happen that way The children were confused, sometimes they'd fight Sitting in their toys and games To them she's mother and I am their friend Who sits with them on his lap And sleeps on the sofa on alternate weekends No substitute for their dad She's a very good mum As she tries to explain Everything that she can But a child's mind is sharp They imagine the worst Sometimes can't understand That there's so much to learn When you open a can of worms

So to the park to play on the swings
To give their mother a break
When I saw their father walking down the path
Heading down towards the gate
I froze on the spot, heart in my throat
I hoped he'd not see us there
He soon disappeared and the kids on the slide
Were happy and unaware

I read the papers and made scrambled eggs
The kids got ready to leave
Their father was taking them for the weekend
With pocket money and sweets
They were excited as they waved goodbye
And I went straight back to bed
Their mother stood and watched as they drove away
Standing on the front door step