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TAIL TALES

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Fish use theirs for forward motion:
swishing, swooshing through the ocean.
Monkeys swing and swoop through trees,
long, strong tails make this a breeze.

Squirrels use theirs as a shade:
sun-umbrella? Ready-made!
Flitter, flutter, birds take flight,
feathered tails steer left, then right.

Warning! Warning! Look, a stranger!
Deer use theirs to signal danger.
Geckos leave their tails behind,
for predators to stop and find.

Peacocks' tails make fine displays,
to catch a passing peahen's gaze.
And elephants keep bites at bay,
by tail-swatting the mites away.

In wiggly-waggly joyful motion,
dogs use theirs to show emotion.
Cats use theirs for confidence,
when balanced on a wobbly fence.

Kangaroos *ba-boing* with glee,
their tails provide leg number three!
And scorpions will never fail,
when they've a sharp sting in their tail.

So, let's sum-up and draw conclusion,
just in case there's still confusion.
Being super-duper clear:
a tail is **SPLENDID** at the rear!

