



## SOFIA'S PAINTBOX

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Sofia had a paintbox,  
she loved its reds and blues,  
the trouble was deciding  
which little square to use.

She sometimes got distracted,  
made the sky an olive green,  
coloured the sea in scarlet lake  
instead of ultramarine,

painted the birds burnt umber,  
the trees Venetian red,  
a Prussian blue dog, a magenta cat,  
a yellow ochre shed.

The teacher got excited  
and asked her mum's permission  
to send Sofia's painting  
off to a competition.

The judge turned cadmium red with joy,  
couldn't believe his eyes,  
he framed it, hung it on his wall,  
gave Sofia the prize.

Now she's really famous,  
they travel miles to see her.  
Even the Queen has had her portrait  
painted by Sofia.

The footman's face went ashen  
and then turned cobalt green  
when he saw the colour of the nose  
she'd painted on the Queen!

