

Let's Count Down the Avenue

By Jane Lake

Bop-de bop, loop de loo. Let's count down the avenue!

One pup on a walk. We meet two frisky friends at the corner.

Three pups yip. They kiss and nuzzle too.

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Four acorns fall from branches. A clever squirrel scurries away.

Five ladders criss-cross up a wall. [fire escape]

Six cars halt on red. The officer waves me across.

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At the park

Seven people stretch and reach. [Tai Chi]

Eight players chase a ball. [soccer game]

Nine butterflies flit and land on flowers.

Listen. Do you hear that?

Ten chimes ring from the clocktower.

Bing bing ding bing bing bing ding ding bing bing

Walking home. [leaving the park]

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Bop-de bop, loop de loo. I count back down the avenue.

Nine gulls in the clouds.

Eight tots climbing up, sliding down.

Seven lamp posts leading out.

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Six steps to cross the walk.

Five buildings to my door.

Four envelopes in the mail.

Three flights to my floor.

Two walkers thirsty and hot. [the main character and her dog]

One sister welcomes us home.

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Can you?

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