

Courage I Don't Lack: Helen Lyne

If a croc flops in my swimming pool
I'm always pleased to share.
If a redback lurks beneath my bed
I gladly leave him there.
If a Tassie devil bites my bum
I retaliate with flair.
When a mouse runs through my kitchen
I don't jump on a chair.

If a black snake eyes my picnic lunch
I let him have a bite.
If a shark swims near my surfboard
I expect he's great and white.
If a barman says I can't have more
he's taking on a fight.
If the taxman says I must pay more
I say he's full of shite.

If a conman tries to charm me
his smiling face I'll slash
with techniques that I've borrowed
from my good friend Madame Lash.
If my bank increases charges
I'll take out all my cash
and beside the lurking redback
my fortune I will stash.

My intrepidity in danger
is not an idle boast
but my courage flags and fails me
when I meet your average ghost.