

Woodland Masquerade

Last year was held a Special Feast ,
For all the birds and all the beasts ;
To celebrate this escapade ,
Ma Nature planned a huge parade .
She held this gala in the wild ,
To satisfy the inner-child .
A sense of fun, of celebration ,
And spirit of cooperation .
The critters came from far and near ...
The beaver, snakes and wolf and deer .
Yes, fluffy bunnies... beetles too ;
A panther , mice, some kangaroos .
Wild birds composed a special song ,
The insects harmonized along .
Some games and races , fun for all ;
And climaxed with a fancy ball .
The costumes were a sight to see :
A pigeon dressed up like a flea !
A walrus with a monkey's tail ,
A hippo crawling like a snail !
The dancing chipmunks were so cute ,
The rhino wore a zebra-suit !
The possum wore a sequin dress ,
Oh, the party was a huge success !
And when the day drew to an end ,
Ma Nature told her woodland friends :
"We've had such fun , good food , and cheer ;
Let's do it all again next year !
We'll meet right here , amidst the trees ;
All friends now... no more enemies .
We'll prove to Man that war must cease ,
That all the World CAN live in peace ! "

Joseph Schrader