

# *Albert and the policeman*

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Albert spent the entire school holidays  
Making fancy paper planes,  
Some remained anonymous  
While others were appropriately named.

"Albert Air" was written carefully  
On each side of the tale,  
Together with a lions head  
And a picture of a whale.

On the first day of school  
Mother was quite determined to make sure Albert was on the school bus,  
So she waited in line and straightened his tie  
"O' Mother" said Albert "please stop the fuss."

Albert waited until mother  
Was well and truly out of sight  
Then he lifted the planes out of his satchel,  
They were about to make their maiden flight.

Albert opened the little window  
And launched a plane up into the sky  
But before it landed safely  
It poked a policeman in the eye!

The policeman knew straight away  
Who owned "Albert Air,"  
"I'll get you for this" he called out  
"I'll try a bribe" thought Albert, "that would be fair!"

Albert knew all about bribes  
Father did it all the time.  
He was always trying to get out of this and that  
And avoid a speeding fine.

So Albert jumped off the bus  
At the very next stop.  
"Sorry sir" said Albert  
"I bet that hurts a lot."

Before the policeman could answer  
Albert offered him a six penny bribe.  
"You're in trouble now" said the policeman  
"How much, we'll let you're mother and father decide."

So the policeman walked Albert home  
And mother was most surprised  
To find Albert nursing a paper plane  
And a policeman nursing one eye!

"I'm bringing Albert home" said the policeman  
"Not for poking me in the eye,  
But for trying to avoid justice  
With a six penny bribe."

Now father was still at home  
And he was actually quite amused.  
"That's me lad" said father with a smile  
"In future Albert, do as I say, and not as I do."

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