

## If I Were a Book

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If I were a book,  
I'd be a picture book with skippity rhymes and  
giggly faces grinning out at a spellbound child.

If I were a book,  
I'd be a book about the planets with just enough  
facts to sparkle the eyes and the imagination of  
that shy child in the back.

If I were a book,  
I'd be a History book, completely unbiased and  
filled with truth that could stimulate honest  
discussion on street corners.

If I were a book,  
I'd be a profound novel meant to be read in flannel  
pajamas at the end of a long grandparenting day.

If I were a book,  
I'd be one of poetry, *so memory precious*  
that octogenarians would smile and nod  
and try not to cry.