

## What Footprints Can Be

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Footprints can be the smallest on earth,  
Found on a certificate of baby's birth.  
Looking at these long years from today,  
Who'd have guessed size twelve double A?

Footprints can be the biggest yet found,  
Hiding under an Indian mound.  
Where archeologists probe and sift,  
Looking for a dinosaur gift.

Footprints can be muddy and black,  
Stepping inside and then hurrying back.  
Rush back out that kitchen door,  
Saving the rest of Mom's freshly scrubbed floor.

Footprints can be clues in a crime,  
Detectives will measure them one at a time.  
What sort of a shoe, the tread and the style,  
We'll display the evidence when we get to trial.

Footprints can be found in the carbon we leave,  
As we move through the singular path that we weave.  
So be a good steward of the earth while you live  
And think of this as a gift that you give.