

"THERE'S A
GLOBAL
PANDEMIC,"
SAID DAD!



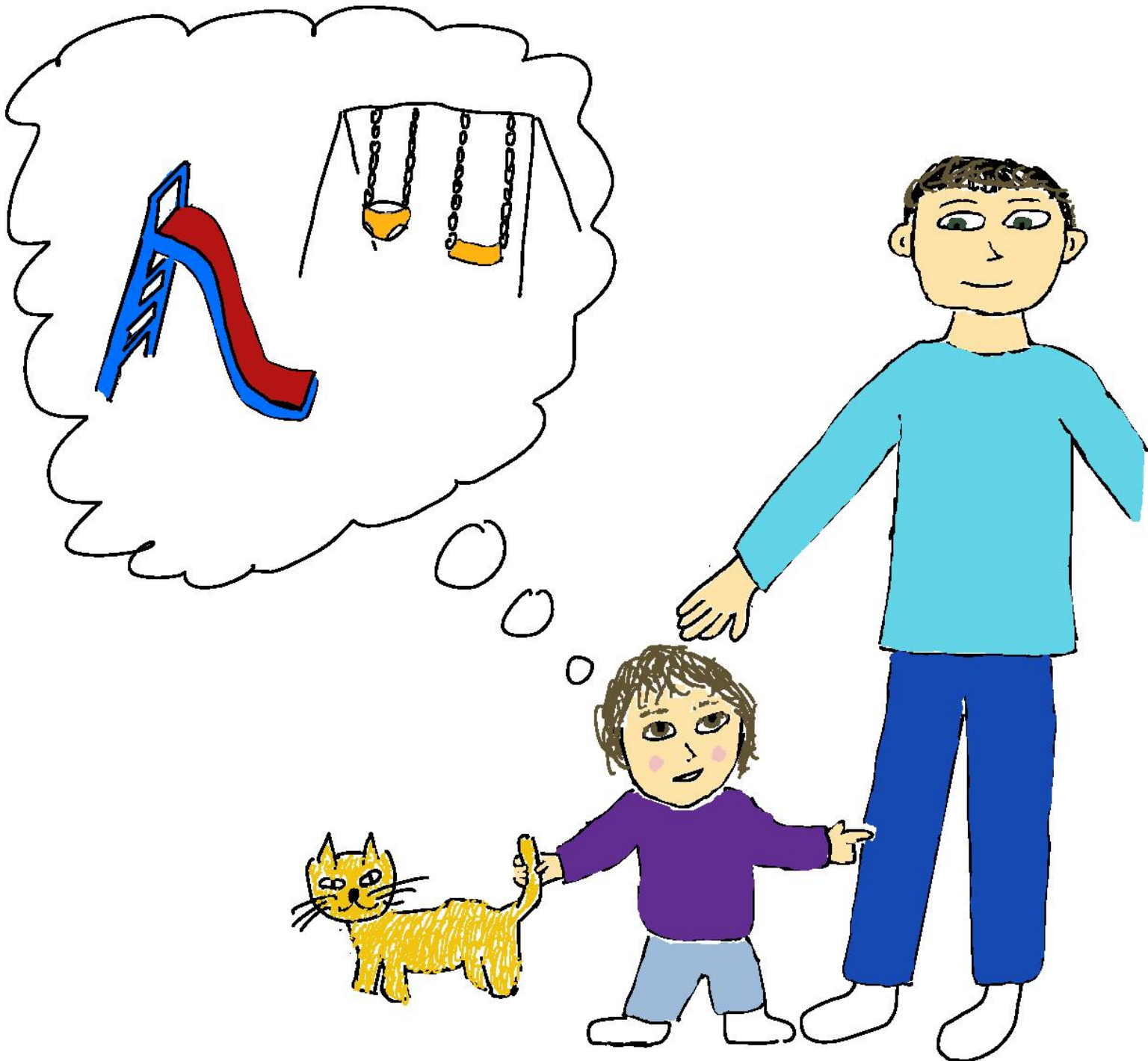
For my husband's sanity.
With love.

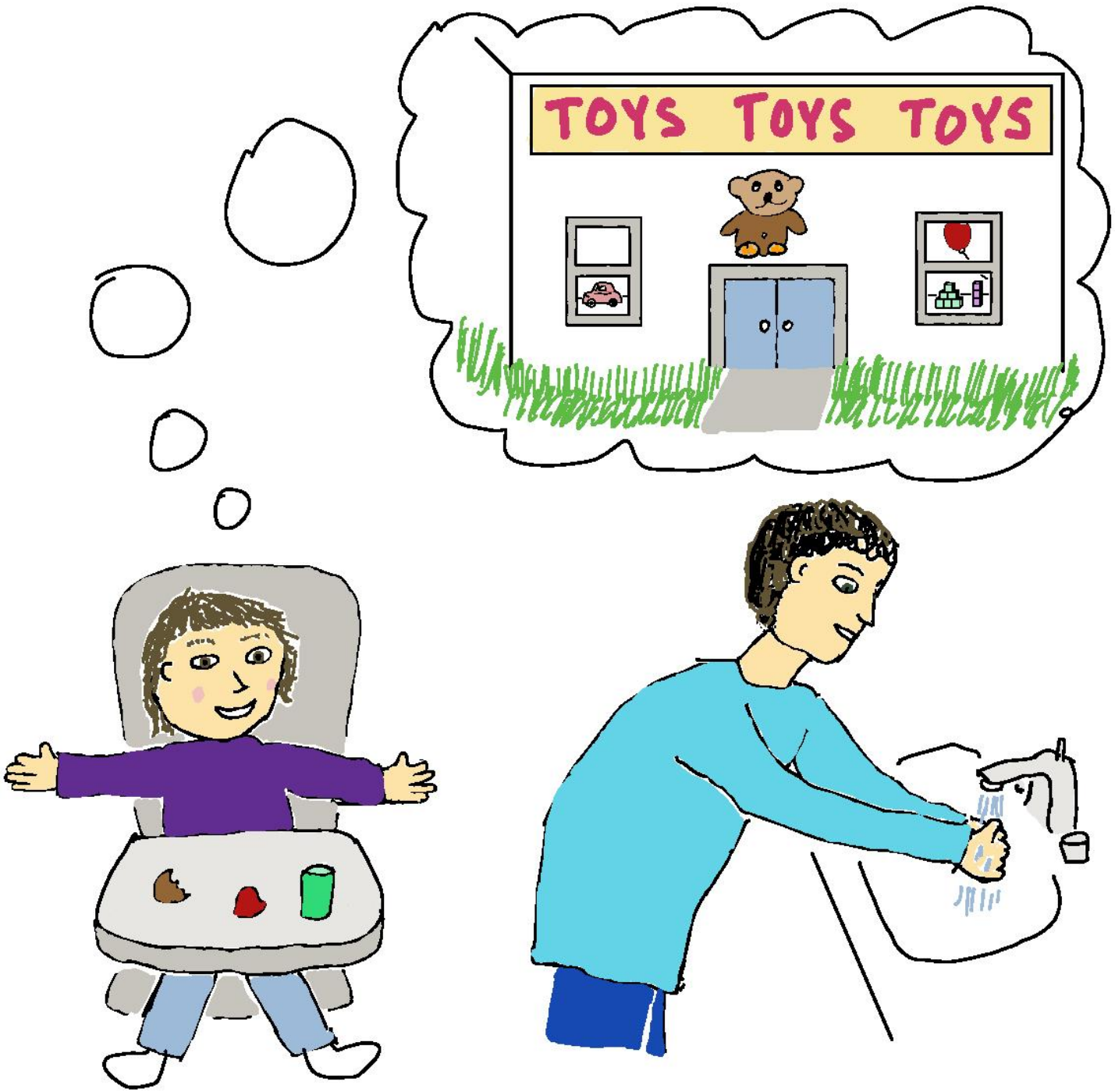
I woke up one day,
And something had changed!
My Mommy seemed worried.
My Dad looked quite strained.



“No Nana today, and
no class”, said my Mom.
I couldn’t believe it.
What was going on?

“Playground?” I asked as I clutched my toy cat.
“Not today,” said my Dad, and he gave me a pat.
“There’s a global pandemic,” he said, “and that’s why -
We cannot go swing.” And he gave a big sigh!
“But when?” I asked Dad, and Dad said, “Some day.
And as long as we’re safe we will all be okay.”

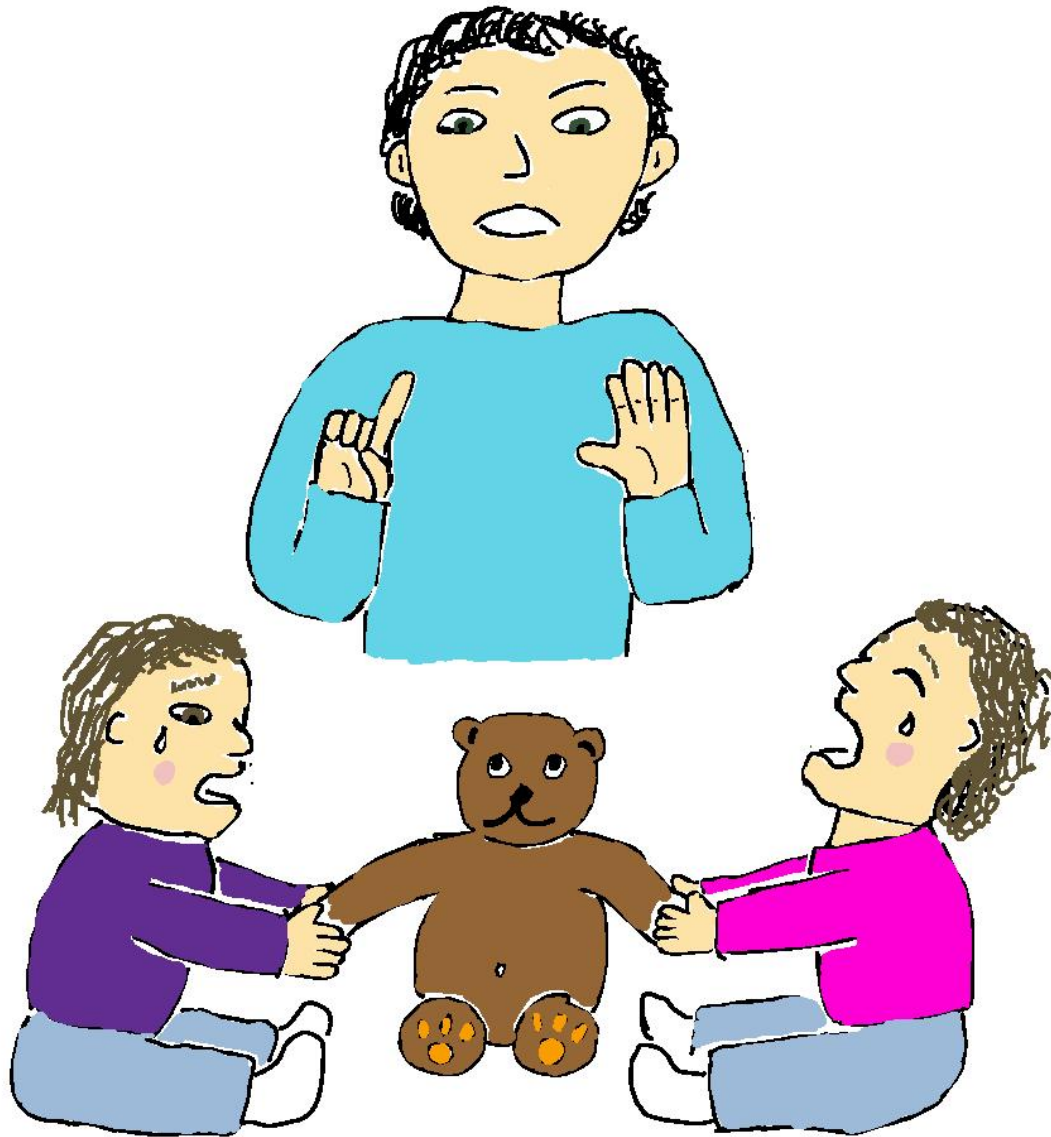




“Toy store!” I said when I finished my snack.
“Not today,” said my Dad with a hunched-over back.
“There’s a global pandemic,” he said, “so no store.”
We’ll have to save up so we’ll later go more.”
“But when?” I asked Dad, and Dad said, “Some day.
And as long as we’re healthy, we’ll all be okay.”

“Grandma?” I asked as I buckled a buckle -
Hoping to show her and give her a chuckle!
“There’s a global pandemic,” said Dad as it clicked.
“No Grandma today, so we don’t get her sick.”
“But when?” I asked Dad, and Dad said “Some day.
And as long as she’s safe, it’ll all be okay.”





No playground, no store, and no Grandma. Oh my!
I *missed* all these things... and I started to cry.
And even my twin, well, she had a cry too.
And I stole her toy bear just as something to do!
And Dad said, "No, no! We don't steal, that's bad."
But what *else* should I do when I'm feeling so sad?

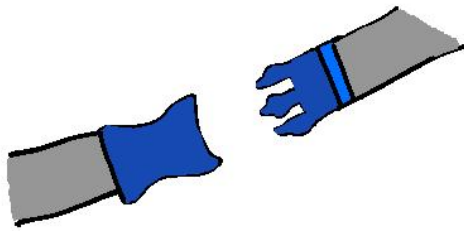
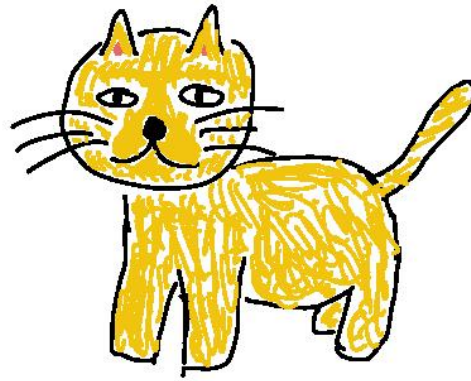
So I sat in the corner,
I sat there and thought...



Some things are sad, yes...
But others are not!

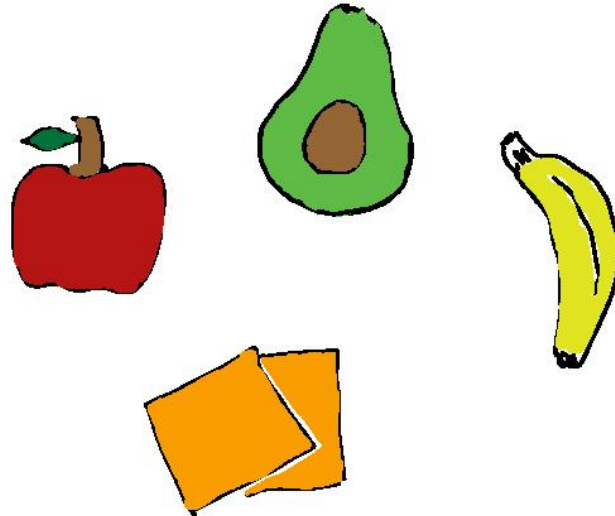


I still have my favorite stuffed kitten to hold...



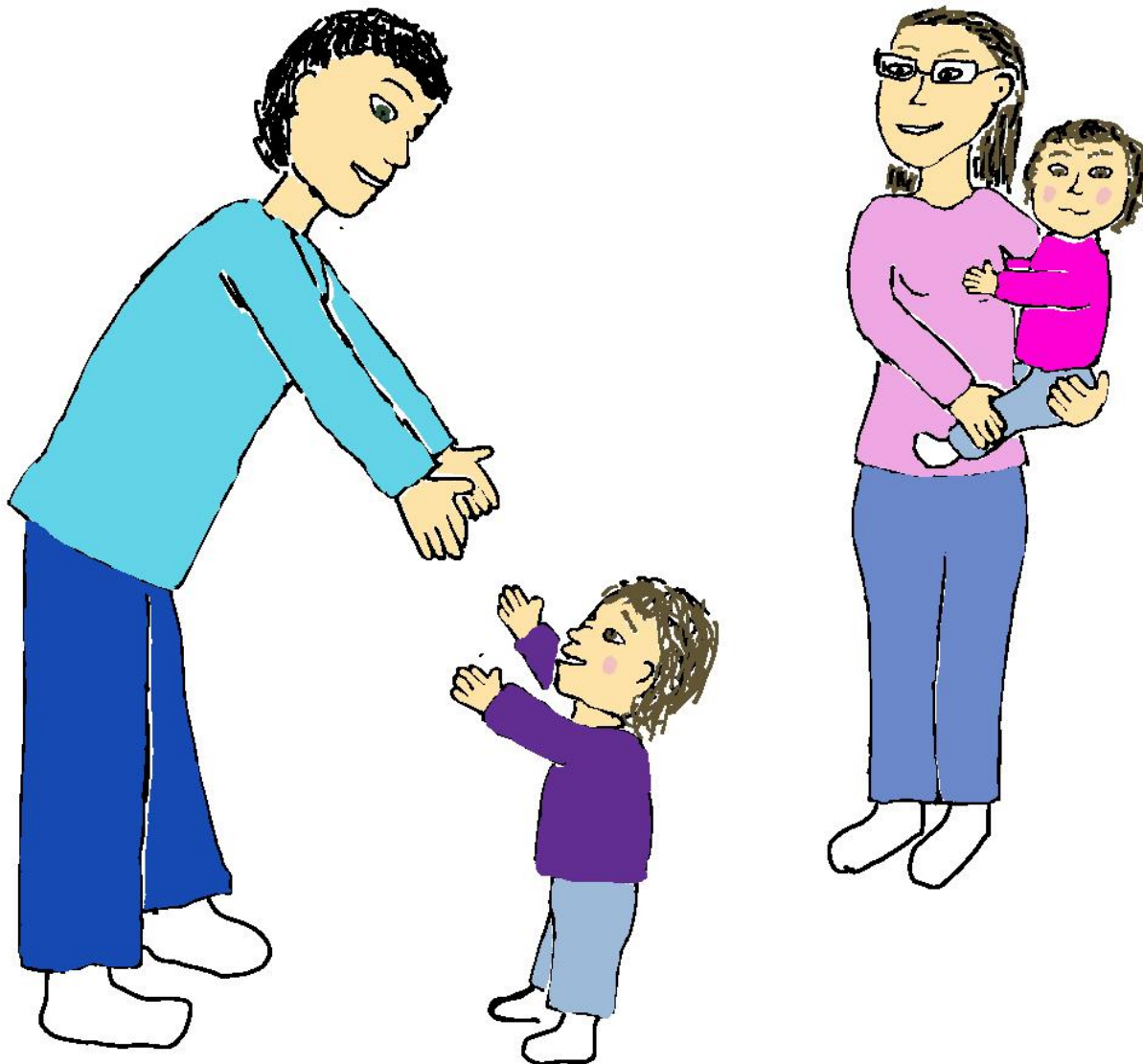
And buckling buckles just never gets old...

There's plenty of good-looking snacks I can eat,



And Grandma can call on the phone - what a treat!

There's a global pandemic, whatever that is,
And Daddy knows everything - he's quite a whiz!
So I sat there and thought... Dad says "safe" is best,
And *he* keeps us safe and provides all the rest!



Will playgrounds come back?
Well, maybe some day.
But as long as there's Daddy,
We'll all be okay!