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Remark:

A delightful range of poems and illustrations. Among them is The Complacent Tortoise by Brian Patten. In it the hare read a fable by Aesop along the way in the race and decided to put that fable aright. The hare, having decided on saving face,/Quite easily managed to win the race. The tortoise felt deceived. The hare answered Some fables are things you ought to contest--/Dear tortoise, in mine, I'm afraid you've come last. The good water-color illustration of the hare leaping over the tortoise is by Lydia Evans.

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