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Nevermore shall a tumbling ball  
Of soft brown fur cuddle and smile.  
Never again will a glint of love  
Pass through her mind  
As the leather lizard scurries on.

Not one more day of dancing bear,  
And polar bear,  
And pokeable bear.

No sympathy kiss can bring her back.  
No words of guilt can ease the pain  
That a dying bear feels as she cries  
With the loss of a million dreams  
And hopes all kicked and battered  
And buried.  
The bear is dead.