

When child-friendly church goes too far

The sun did not shine. It was too wet to play.
So we wandered to Deacon's Bench that rainy day.
This clip caught our eyes, but could such a thing be?
Making church speak to children is great, but really?
This, I think, goes too far—though it's not in my Church.
But I have to admit that my stomach did lurch.

"I know some good games we could play," said the "Cat,"
"We could make our own church," said fake Cat in the Hat.
"We could wear silly wigs and bless bread and wine, too.
And we'd tell children church is such fun—like the zoo.

Look at me, look at me, look at me now!
It is gauche and absurd for a priest to meow!
I can stand at the altar while wearing a hat.
But that is not all I can do," said the Cat.

"I can stand on a ball on the tip of my toes,
And balance God's Word on my long crooked nose."
That is what the priest said. Then he fell on his head.
He fell right off the altar and onto the floor.

Then the priest thought of something he hadn't before.
Maybe Eucharist doesn't mean more told in rhyme.
Maybe God doesn't call priests to act, dance, and mime.
The fact God became man and died on a wood cross
Doesn't need lots of fluff, lots of glitz, lots of sauce.
If you're truly the Church founded by Christ himself,
You can put all your Seussian rhymes on the shelf.

If you're looking for something that speaks to the youth?
Start with what Jesus gave us and lived out: The Truth.

What are your thoughts? Is this child-friendly or going too far?