

A CHRISTMAS HOMESCHOOL CLASSIC

The Whos down in Whoville were much older than when...
a young Grinch stole Christmas and returned it again.
The children got married and the parents went gray.
The Grinch became mayor and Max ran away.

And Cindy Lou Who who was now 42...
Homeschooled her five sons and sweet Peggy Sue.
She spent most of her days, tired and spent
And wondered and wondered where all the fun went.

Where was the magic and sparkle she knew?
All she could see were the things left to do.
There were lessons to plan and subjects to cover
Like phonics, math facts...and the history of rubber.

And now it was Christmas and all she could see
Were the gifts to be wrapped and a lop-sided tree.
She wanted to smile, she wanted to play,
But the lists and the tasks would not go away

But one day as she watched her kids study and write,
A thought came to her mind and she gave up the fight.
Cindy Lou's idea was brilliant and bold,
A simple solution to feeling tired and old.

"We will stop doing school," she said with a grin.
"Close your books now and let real learning begin.
We have presents to buy and cookies to bake,
Fun to be had and crafts that we'll make."

"No more will I listen to those who know best.
I know that I need some fun time and rest.
I need to slow down and get off my phone,
For soon they'll be gone and have kids of their own."

"I will not spend my days on things that don't matter;
Instead I'll play games like Who-Chutes and Who-Ladders.
I will not miss this wonderful time of my life.
I will not give it up for busyness and strife."

So Cindy Lou Who who was still 42
And still had homeschooling and parenting to do,
Decided right then that what matters most
Were not books, or lists, or a social media post.

She had been given a gift of six kids and a spouse,
And she would enjoy them in her less-than-clean house.
It would not be easy, nor come naturally,
But she would make choose best and choose family.

*The artwork was by my son Sam

