

PAWS FOR SUMMER

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Mom-to-be cats hide out;
Next thing, there are kittens about.
Calves and lambs grow overnight.
Foals' wobbly legs start to look just right.

Swallows return with swoops and song.
Look! There go tiny twin fawns!
In a grove of trees, donkeys bray
While farmers worry over hay.

They ask each other, "Will it rain?"
When to mow's a guessing game.
Cats hunt mice and moles like crazy.
Heat makes pigs and pups quite lazy.

Cottontails peak from under a hedge.
Baby blue jays and robins fledge.
Long days bring dozens of eggs.
Goats reach for fruit on bandy legs.

Cows push at fences for roadside grass.
Kids on rivers catch largemouth bass.
Deer in velvet leap into clover.
A worrisome storm passes over.

Grapes get firm and grow green.
Everywhere there are farm machines.
Soon, berries to put in pies and freeze.
And lavender covered in honey bees.

Cottontails jump from hedges everywhere
Raccoon moms raid oops for eggs
Hens lay more as days long
Blueberries and pies to bakegoats escabe break
In tin oail
Rodents multiply

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