

Aunt Bess came by to say hello
But the door knob came off in her hand.

And the door knob came right off.

"No problem, Bess," my dad
just a little old screw is all we need.
I'll get one from my workbench/workshop//garage
Scratched his head
"I know I've got one in the shed."

We looked through brackets, pliers, clamps,
Bits of twine and broken lamps,
Hammers, wrenches, nails and tacks,
Dusty boxes, stacks and stacks!

Dug in buckets, bins and pails,
Sorted washers, bolts and nails.
Searched through screws (at least a ton!),
Until we found the perfect one.

Papa hollered down the hall,
"We'll fix it in no time at all!"

Too bad. The screw was just too small.

"Seems this screw won't do the job.
I guess we'll need a brand new knob."
So after sizing up the door,
We trudged off to Joe's Hardware Store.
We stood and studied that old door,
Then trudged to Doyle's Hardware Store.

We searched through hinges, levers, latches,
Pushplates, knockers, bolts and sashes.
Doorstops, doorbells, spindles, locks,
Pulls and handles, stocks and stocks!

Found gobs of knobs in brass and steel,
Amber, violet, -- --, teal.
Porcelain, crystal, egg-shaped, round –
Knobs for every door in town!

Finally, Dad cried, "This is it!"

In our little bungalow

Finally like bungalow

*To his workbench
in the back.*

We were off to the

*and the door knob came
off in his hand*

*(all doors to
down with a PLUNK*

looks like we're for

Just

Needs a screw

No problem

Papa scratched his head.

*the needs a little screw he said
I know I'm sure in
the shed.*

*Then how about
we buy a knob.*

*Been standing
due to necessity
over than eighty years*

We'll fix that door knob, lickety-split."
The trouble was,
It didn't fit.

Uncle Joe said "
A brand new door - that's what you need!"
"You need a door, it's plain as day."
You need a brand new door, of course!"

*Guest
No knob? Said Joe,
Looks like you need a
new*

So off we went to Peter's Doors
Chores, roars, soars, stores, tours, fours, snores
To the Door Store Emporium, glum, dumb, crumb, bum, gum, hum, numb, plum, sum, some,

looked at doors & sleek
We studied every door design,
Looked at alder, maple, pine.
Mirrored, louvered, painted, leaded,
Doors for kings, with jewels embedded. Carved and --, with jewels embedded.
Craftsman, cottage, stable, dutch
(frankly, just a bit too much)/Bi-fold, paneled - way too much!

Carved from Door

"This should do it!" Papa cried.
"Our finest," Peter said with pride.

Oh, no. It's just a bit too wide.

We'll move the door frame just a bit.

*Tear the whole thing
down.
Our little hung-along?
Tear it down
The year
The veins in the
wooden floors
But wait!*

It we move the door frame
we'll
just a bit
What sofa there never for
We'll need to make the
So let's expand the living room
So we'll knock that wall out too
Have to keep that sofa there
So let's
We'll just move that wall -

*And then we saw it,
shimmering bright*

*We called on
architect
drew up plans
a grand design
with a nice door
big living room
postcards*

But then that window has to go
~~And~~ long.
Why not add a second floor?

*Bahm, cranked around her
and then we
saw it...
And as she described
new in and on
We'll join me
saw it:
The door knob
screen.*

Doors of – and -- design,
Made of maple, alder, pine.
“This should do it!” Papa cried.
Finally, Dad sighed, “This is it.
We’ll have this door in lickety split.”

Would you believe?
It didn’t fit.

Craftsman, Crutch, hutch, much, such, touch,

Embedded, headed, shredded,
Painted, fainted,
French, bench, clench, stench
Dad smiled broadly, undeterred.
Bird, heard, stirred, word, absurd
“We’ll buy a door And then the knobs, in bronze and steel,
Crystal amber Until we found the knobs, at last.
Porcelain, iron, steel and brass,
Crystal, porcelain, egg-shaped, round –

Pushplates, spindles, Pushplates, doorbells, window sashes.
doorbells, push plates, l
Bolts, colts, jolts,
Hinges, binges, fringes, tinges,
Searched through latches, levers, locks
Spindles, hinges, stocks and stocks!
Latches, batches, catches, matches, mismatches, snatches, patches, sashes,
Finally – the knobs at last!

Cast, fast, ound gobs of knobs in iron and steel,
Till we found the knob department.
Compartment, apartment, assortment, Crystal, porcelain, amber, teal.
Door stops
Push plates
Knockers
Mail slots
Round, egg-shaped
Bound, browned, crowned, found, ground, mound, pound, sound, astound, wound
Brown, crown, down, frown, gown, town,
of iron, porcelain, steel,
Locks and levers, bolts and latches
Doorbells, hinges
Steel, deal, feel, eel, heel, meal, kneel, appeal, real, seal, schpiel, teal, wheel
Locks, blocks, clocks, docks, knocks, rocks, stocks, shocks, socks, talks, walks, flocks

Hinges,binges,cringes,
Bolts,colts,jolts,
Latches,batches,catches,matches,patches,sashes,scratches
Iron, brass,class,grass,mass,pass,
Spindles,levers,clevers,ever,forever
So off we go to the hardware store
We descend upon the hardware store
t seems this screw won't do the job.
n that case
Let's buy a knob at the hardware store.
Bore,core,chore,door,

a brand new doorknob Rusty nails and Tossed an

We'll stop at the hardware store.

We searched in piles of bolts and nails,
We looked in buckets, bins and pails.
Between the hammers, saws and We

Doors of maple, alder, pine
Maple, alder, oak and pine
Oak,bloke,broke,choke,croak,joke,poke,soak,awoke,
Pine,combine,dine,fine,line,mine,nine,divine,sign,twine,turpentine,serpentine,design

We'll put that door in lickety-split.

Uh, oh. Seems it doesn't fit!

Until we found the perfect one.
Done,fun,none,run,sun,ton,
Nuts and bolts, a -- -- fuse

Finally, Dad said, this is it!
screws and nuts
Nails
Screws,blues,clues,chews,dues,fuse,refuse,lose,amuse,news,accuse,ruse,excuse,
Nuts,cuts,huts,mutts,putz,ruts,
Filled with washers, nuts, and screws
nailsTools lined up on

Backs,cracks,jacks,packs,racks,stacks,
Kits,bits,fits,hits,mitts,pits,
To the basement
We cleared the cobwebs, wiped the dust

Found – and an ancient sandwich crust
Searched through buckets, bins and pails
Through nuts and bolts and – and nails
And then – at last! - we found a screw.
“aha!” said Dad. “this one should do!”

I’ll fix that doorknob lickety split.
Too bad. The -- -- didn’t fit.

Brackets, pliers, wrenches, clamps
Trowels, vises, mallets,
Tacks,drills,drill bits,scrapers,
Clamps,camps,lamps,
Found brackets, trowels, pliers, tacks
Rags and workbooks, stacks and stacks!
We took a good look at that door,
Then trudged to Off we go to the hardware store
And trudged off to Joe’s Hardware Store.
Bore,core,door,
If this screw won’t do the job.
We’ll buy ourselves a brand new knob.

Would have . . . but it was too small.

Raced us down the hall.
. ““Aha!” said Dad. “This one is it!
We’ll have that fixed up, lickety-split!”

Or maybe not./ oh no we won’t.
It doesn’t fit.