A POEM

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Magic Word

“More jam,” said Rosie to her Mom.
“I want more jam,” said she.
      But no one heard
      The Magic Word.
Mom took a sip of tea.

“The jam! The jam! The jam!” she cried.
Her voice rang loud and clear.
      “I’d like to spread
      It on my bread.”
But no one seemed to hear.

“Please pass the jam,” Rose said at last.
Now that’s the thing to say.
      When Mother heard
      The Magic Word

1. Jovian moon
2. Noisy fight
3. Type of instrument
4. Tea cake
5. Keratinous protrusion
6. Make holes
8. Treasure found here?
9. Pacino film
12. Depp film
15. Fundamental nature
17. White guy
19. Lay waste to
21. Table holding bowl and pitcher
22. Ties
23. Whirlwinds near the Faeroe Islands
24. Struggles with
27. Bottle enclosed in a protective basket
29. Feel pain
31. Type of aircraft
32. Plant nursery
33. Waterways
34. Small
35. Formerly
36. Netlike
37. Goes with “outs”
38. Type of fence
40. Eases
41. Patronizing behavior
44. Coat or delay
46. Fireplace
47. Ointments
49. Compels by force
50. Among other persons
51. Does 22-DOWN again
52. Egg source
54. Going price
58. Prisoner
60. Roman emperor
61. Set into a surface
62. Famous ratio
64. Location
66. Ice cream holder