

## MARY'S LITTLE MULE

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This sequel to all the variations of Mary Had a Little Lamb in past Word Ways is from my upcoming poetry collection, *101 Animal Universes*.

### ***After Mary's Little Lamb Ran Away***

For to give her life renewal  
Mary got a little Mule,  
dyslexically coloured bule,  
which she called her precious Jewel.

Once she dragged the 'mule' to school  
which of course broke every rule.  
Kids there laughed and called it fool,  
teased it like some kind of ghoul.

Heated by this ridicule  
Mule got mad and lost its cool,  
kicked up in the vestibule,  
broke kids' legs, the careless tool.

Cops agreed it wasn't cool,  
threw Mule in the swimming pool,  
taught it how to toe the rule  
and control that high joule fuel.

shock ending:

In shame Mary ate toadstool  
with a poison molecule,  
left behind poor orphan Jewel.  
(Which I think was very cruel.)