THE BAKER'S CAT
A Color Story by Jean Warren

One day the baker
Bought a new cat
Whose job was to scare
Away every rat.

The new cat was black
With spots that were white.
She guarded the bakery
All through the night.

She liked her new job
And often would taste
Some of the pies
She found 'round the place.

The first night she ate
A strawberry pie.
The next day her spots were red,
But the baker didn't know why!

The second night she ate
A blueberry pie.
The next day her spots were blue,
But the baker didn't know why!

The third night she ate
A lemon meringue pie.
The next day her spots were yellow
But the baker didn't know why!

The fourth night she ate
A big lime pie.
The next day her spots were green
But the baker didn't know why!

The baker was worried
What should he do?
His cat must be sick
Perhaps with the flu.

He made the cat rest
All night in her bed.
Milk in a saucer
Was all she was fed.

In the morning, his spots
Were once again white.
The baker was happy
His cat was all right!

Lead your child into a discussion about
what really happened.
Why did the cat's spots change back to white?
What would happen if the cat ate a chocolate pie? A pumpkin pie? A cherry pie?