Edward Gorey

*The Gashlycrumb Tinies*

A is for Amy who fell down the stairs

B is for Basil assaulted by beard

C is for Clara who waste away

D is for Desmond thrown out of a sleigh

E is for Ernest who choked on a peach

F is for Fanny sucked dry by a leech

G is for George smothered under a rug

H is for Hector done in by a thug

I is for Ida who drowned in a lake

J is for James who took lye by mistake

K is for Kate who was struck with an axe

L is for Leo who swallowed some tacks

M is for Maud who was swept out to sea

N is for Neville who died of ennui

O is for Olive run through with an awl

P is for Prue tram pled flat in a brawl

Q is for Quentin who sank in a mire

R is for Rhoda consumed by a fire

S is for Susan who perished of fits

T is for Titus who flew into bits

U is for Una who slipped down a drain

V is for Victor squashed under a train

W is for Winnie embedded in ice

X is for Xerxes devoured by mice

Y is for Yorick whose head was knocked in

Z is for Zillah who drank to much gin

The End?

*O rage!*

*O désespoir!*

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