TOUGH
BORIS
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Tough Boris was TOUGH, but how else could you describe him?
Tough Boris was tough, but how else could you describe him? Use the words in the word bank to help you.

Scruffy  Kind  Greedy
Funny  Scary  Frightening  Massive  Fearless
What was Tough Boris like as a kid?
How do you think he became so tough?
What was Tough Boris like as a kid? How do you think he became so tough?
In the story, *Tough Boris*, Boris and the other pirates cried at the end of the story because they were sad about their parrot. Can you think of a time you were so sad you cried? Write or draw a picture about it.
DRAW A MAP TO YOUR BURIED TREASURE!
IN MY TREASURE CHEST
THE PIRATE

BY SHEL SILVERSTEIN

OH, THE BLITHERY, BLATCHERY PIRATE
(HIS NAME, I BELIEVE, IS CLAUDE),
HIS MANNER IS SULLEN AND IRATE,
AND HIS HUMOR IS VULGAR AND BROAD.

HE HAS OFTEN BEEN KNOWN TO IMPRISON
HIS FRIENDS IN THE HOLD DARK AND DANK,
OR LASH THEM UP HIGH ON THE Mizzen,
OR FORCE THEM TO STROLL DOWN A PLANK.

HE WILL SELFISHLY ASK YOU TO DIG UP
SOME BARRELS OF ILL-GOTTEN GOLD,
AND IF YOU SO MUCH AS JUST HIGGUP,
HE’LL LEAVE YOU TO FILL UP THE HOLE.

HE MAY CAST YOU ADRIFT IN A ROWBOAT
(HE HAS NO REACTION TO TEARS)
OR PUT YOU ASHORE WITHOUT NO BOAT
ON AN ISLAND AND LEAVE YOU FOR YEARS.

HE’S A ROTTER, A WRETCH AND A SINNER,
HE’S FOUL AS A FELLOW CAN BE,
BUT IF YOU INVITE HIM TO DINNER,
OH, PLEASE SIT HIM NEXT TO ME!
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