

# Giant Big Boots

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Giant Big Boots was watching TV  
The Olympic Games was all he could see.  
'I want a turn' he said out loud.  
'I want to make my family proud.'

Swimming goggles but how big?  
Wrecked boat portholes for this gig.  
Racing cycles were way too small  
Using tractor tyres would make one tall.

But fitting in a canoe was full of woe  
Not one leg or even a toe.  
An antique rowboat from a sailing ship  
Was going to be needed for this trip.

Javelin, now he'd like to try that  
But not with a toothpick, one that was fat.  
He found his chainsaw and went to the wood,  
This tall thick tree looked pretty good.

Shotput requires super strength  
And a heavy ball to get some length.  
In carparks they were sometimes there  
To stop cars driving everywhere.

There were concrete balls in the park  
But he'd need to wait till after dark.  
No throwing missiles near a crowd  
The protests would be long and loud.

Finding medals was his next stop  
Large platters from a second-hand shop.  
Brass for gold, silver's fine,  
Copper for bronze, giving weight and shine.

A podium, three separate tiers  
Some large rocks may help out here.  
No forklift, mates or tractor might  
Our giant found them really light.

'A crowd - I need a crowd to come.'  
He went to find his Dad and Mum.  
He stepped right up, did his routine  
And proudly acted out his dream.

No trouble making this giant float  
Swimming in the castle moat.  
Cycling round the castle, running past trees  
He'd won the Triathlon easily.

But Canoeing in the moat he hit the wall  
So only achieved silver overall.  
Javelin - he ran up fast and threw it well  
Where it landed no one could tell.

Shotput wouldn't work where children play  
He sneaked a ball home for today.  
He knew this wasn't quite right  
And said he'd put it back tonight.

He flexed his hands, he did a stretch  
Then threw a ball no one could fetch!  
It sailed into eternity  
And he earned himself a penalty.

Bending the rules now undone  
He'd have to make another one.  
The ball was lost, he'd have to pay  
He only won a bronze today.

But still the day was not quite right  
He asked his parents for insight.  
'Son, they said 'You need other teams  
To satisfy your Olympic dreams.'

'You're right, I'll talk to the IOC  
And ask about their policy.  
I'll see what all of them can do.  
Why not games for me and you?'