

**LOWER PRIMARY**

**Winner**

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**My Night Time Friends**

When I go to bed at night  
So I don't feel scared  
I have my favourite animals  
Wrapped up in my bed

Mini-Ted, Sheep and Panda  
Came from the local fete  
Panda and I play DS  
The panda game is great

My Unicorn has a squeezable belly  
A purple horse with a sparkly horn  
A soft loving baby from my Aunty  
Annabel is my Baby Born

Zoot the Zumble has purple wings  
I dream of us flying together  
Zoe's head pokes from her pouch  
They'll keep me safe forever

Monkey Go-Go with long arms that hug  
We bought from Dubbo Zoo  
Cat came from the neighbours  
And likes to jump on my trampoline too

There's not much room but in squeezes Sarah  
My doggy, the long eared pup  
And most precious of all, made by my cousin  
My pink blankie that wraps us all up

My toys are very special to me  
They make me safe and sound  
So when I go to bed at night  
I hug them all around

*Judges' Comment:*

*Here is a convincing account of the writer's bedtime friends, each given a cryptic description with the whole drawn together in a rational conclusion. The writer uses simple images clearly expressed in simple words and he shows an ear for sound: "a purple horse with a sparkly horn" and "Zoot the Zumble has purple wings".... While the end rhymes seem to fall into place easily, in the main, it is the internal rhyming which is the most effective and contributes well to the meaning and cheery spirit of the poem. Well done!*