

VISIT IN THE COUNTRY

A boy named Rick said, "Where's a stick,  
I'm gonna kill a snake!"  
Said Smitty, "Hit it with this brick  
Then throw it in the lake!"

But cousin Sue said, "No, no, don't!  
It's harmless if you give  
It room. Just back away, it won't  
Attack. It has a right to live!"

"Okay," said Rick. "Somewhere I read  
All wild things have their place.  
They can't do nature's work if dead.  
I guess you've made a case."

They all got on their bikes to ride.  
Then Smitty said, "Y'know--  
Life's not for people to decide.  
I'm glad we let it go."

--Glenna Holloway