



“Monkeys and Alligators” by Michael K. Primavera
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Monkeys came thundering loudly,
Disrupting the calm jungle haze.
They screeched and leaped in search of food.
The pack had not eaten for days.

Dozens of monkeys were following
A scout, who was leading the pack.
When he spotted a grove of banana trees
And motioned to follow his track.

The anxious scout was far ahead
When eagerness transformed to dread.
Before the bananas flowed a river.
Looking down aroused a shiver!

Below, were alligators
And they were hungry too.
The scout was not deterred, though.
He knew what he must do.

He leaped with might, through the air
And cleared the pit without a care.
Banana trees were everywhere.
He had landed in monkey heaven!

The jealous pack all wanted theirs.
So, out they leaped with zeal!
Not one of them could leap that far.
They made a dandy meal...

Monkey see, monkey do.
Hope you're not a monkey, too.
Use good judgment when you dare.
There are alligators everywhere.