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Wants and Needs

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I *want* a million billion dollars,
Dancing dogs with diamond collars,
Piles of candy ten feet high,
A car that zooms across the sky,
A pony and a unicorn,
A narwhal with a golden horn.
I want it all! I want it now!
(I also want a purple cow.)



But there are things I know I need. Necessary things, indeed.
A cozy, safe, and well-built shelter, so I will not freeze or swelter,
Sturdy shoes for growing feet, clothing, water, food to eat.
These are things I *need* to thrive,
To grow, to learn, to stay alive.

Wants can wait! We need needs now!
(But I still like that purple cow.)