

SALLY SIZE ZERO

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Where did she go?
Everyone searched high
Everyone searched low
But could find no trace
Of Sally Size-Zero

Once she used to glow
With a spring in her step
And a sway of her torso
Loved a laugh and a latté
At café Nero
To her friends she was a hero
Until she decided to be a size-zero

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Where did she go?
Her mother shook out
The bed-clothes to find her –
But couldn't glimpse a wisp or a toe
All that rolled out was a great big zero.



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