THE MAGIC LUNCHBOX

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Mango and Sprint are preparing for ‘big school’. Grandma comes to visit and gives them a lunchbox. 

... But it’s no ordinary lunchbox!
When Grandma came to visit, a fun time was assured
With such a lively lady round, we were never EVER bored.

This time Grandma brought us something really clever and cool – a very special lunchbox to help choose good food for school.
“Mango, you go first,” said Sprint, looking most suspicious.

“Put this chocolate muffin in – it really is delicious.”
She placed the pea-green lunchbox in front of Sprint and I.

“It's  **MAGIC**,” she said, with a twinkle in her eye.

“The lunchbox knows what’s healthy –
the lunchbox never lies.

Put in what you think is good, and you’ll get a big surprise.”
With a JIGGLE and a ZAP and a POP and a SQUEAK!

... suddenly, the lunchbox began to SPEAK!
Right before our very eyes,
the muffin got the toss,

Sprint and I just stood and stared.
Our little lunch was lost.

“Delicious this may look,
tasty it may be,
but food like this
is just not good for
growing kids, you see.”
Next we tried a sandwich, some orange and a pikelet.

The lunchbox kept it in this time, it really must have liked it.
Fruit bars were flung.

Soft drink went

Chips … they got slung.

… and hit the poor cat.
Kiwi fruit was kept and capsicum stayed in.

Ricecakes they all made it

Crackers, cheese and water it decided it would keep,

... but the doughnuts hit the bin.

While chocolate and packaged things firmly hit the heap.
At last when it was finished, the lunchbox looked content. As for all the healthy food... we didn’t know where it went!

Just then the lunchbox flipped its lid and showed itself with pride...
This, my friends, is the magic made...
... when you put good food inside.
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