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**CHRISTMAS 2019**

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**This year all the cousins, every one agreed,  
On a gift they all want, something special indeed.  
Not something you can buy, or something made of wood,  
Something old man Ed can give, something real good.**

**They want a new story, one that really is great.  
One that everyone loves and not one person hates.  
Each cousin has an idea of what they want to see,  
In this year's most wonderful, happy story.**

**And since it's the decade's final big year.  
They tell old man Ed, to get himself in gear.  
And get it all done before Christmas Eve.  
And they're sure that he will, they truly believe.**

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**Old man Ed began thinking of what story he'd tell.  
One that was funny and one that was swell.  
But, day after day he thought and he thought.  
Of stories he could tell, and one's he ought not.**

**And the calendar told him that Christmas was near.  
And his brain was still empty and this much was clear.  
Unless somebody helped him, this could be the year.  
There would be no story, and this filled him with fear.**

**Help !**



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**Now, Austin and Trevor they called Old Man Ed**

**And gave him an idea to swirl in his head,**

**“A story that includes all our pets would be neat.”**

**“All our dogs and our cats and our pet parakeets.”**

**“Like Bailey and Cooper and Duke and the Chief.”**

**“Lacey and Relay, and Wade the food thief.”**

**“And all of the others, even that gum chewing Moose.”**

**“Would be in our story, when we let the pets loose.”**

**Ed thought for a moment and it made him remember,**

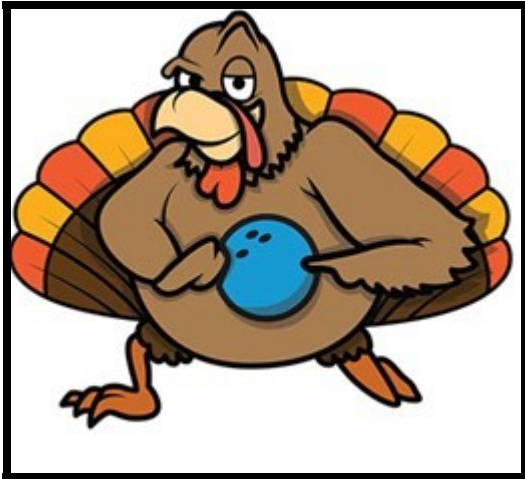
**He already wrote that tale years ago, once in December.**

**I'm Moose**



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**Hannah thought a story bout bowling could be very quirky,  
“Get three strikes in a row and they call you a turkey!”**



**“Hold on.” Ed said, “That’s how my first story begins,”  
“With a young girl named Cherie as she knocks down the  
pins.”**



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**And Caitlyn said, "Hey, I just had a really bad cold."**

**"You could do a story about that, has that ever been told?"**

**And Ed said, "Herman Germ, once made us less smiley,"**

**"Then there was that terrible virus named Miley!"**

# Miley Virus



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**Violet, and Peyton, They had a really cool thought  
Sophia and Anistyn agreed, "Hey, Why not?",  
They'd form a rock band and that could be the beginning.  
How the cousin band played and got all the world singing.**

## The cousin band- 1980

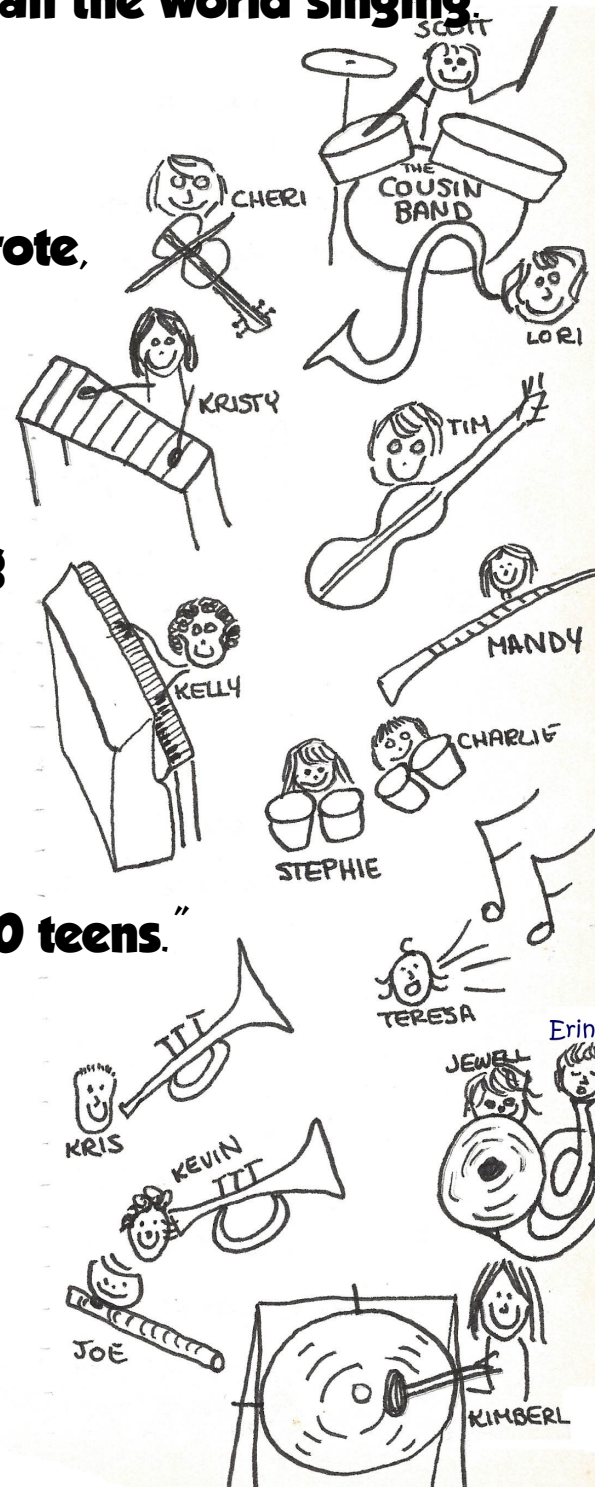
**But Ed seemed to recall in 1980 he wrote,  
Of an all cousin band that played  
all the notes.**

**"I need something new, not something  
redone."**

**"These are all great ideas,  
but they're not the one."**

**"After all this is the last year of our 20 teens."**

**"I want something to see that  
has never been seen."**



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**Case and Caleb said, "This story should be about trees,  
And camping, and cooking, but not about fleas."**

**Then Ed remembered way back in the times,**

**When all the cousins went camping in a story that rhymes.**

**When Willow Brillobilobee, helped as much as he could.**

**But the soup for supper was bad, not at all good.**

**When all of the cousins agreed, "Don't eat off the land."**

**Soup for supper is best  
when it comes from a can.**





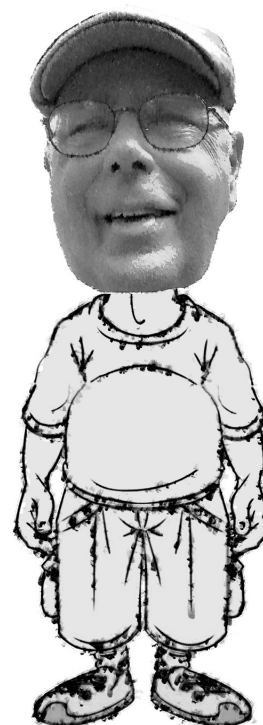
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**Annie and Nick thought some of the ideas were good.  
But agreed with old Ed, they weren't all that they should.**

**Cheyenne said, "We're getting bigger, some getting smarter.  
And figuring it out is getting harder and harder."**

**And Ed remembered that line from the year '84,  
In the story there was an interesting lesson and more.  
"It's not getting bigger that's not the problem for me."  
"Us old folks want to be so much younger, you see."**

**You are all  
getting bigger !**



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**Andrew told Ed, "I think this year's story should be,"  
"About my cousin Tom, the brand new baby."  
"And how all the cousins will give him advice."  
"And Tom will feel really wanted, it would be very nice."**

**"Wait!" Old man Ed exclaimed. "That is so fun."  
"I wrote a story before that is just like that one."  
"It was Bringing up Bubba, and this you may not know."  
"It was about Tom's own daddy, Matt was star of the show."**



**Tom**

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**“Still” Old Man Ed look bewildered and said.**

**“I need a new idea to come into my head.”**

**Teage said, “I like running mile after mile.”**

**“While running I think clearly for awhile.”**

**“So, try that and maybe you’ll get a good thought.”**

**“Of something to write about, and what you ought not.”**



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**But Cooper said, “That’s really a very bad plan.”**

**“Running just might break the knees of the man.”**

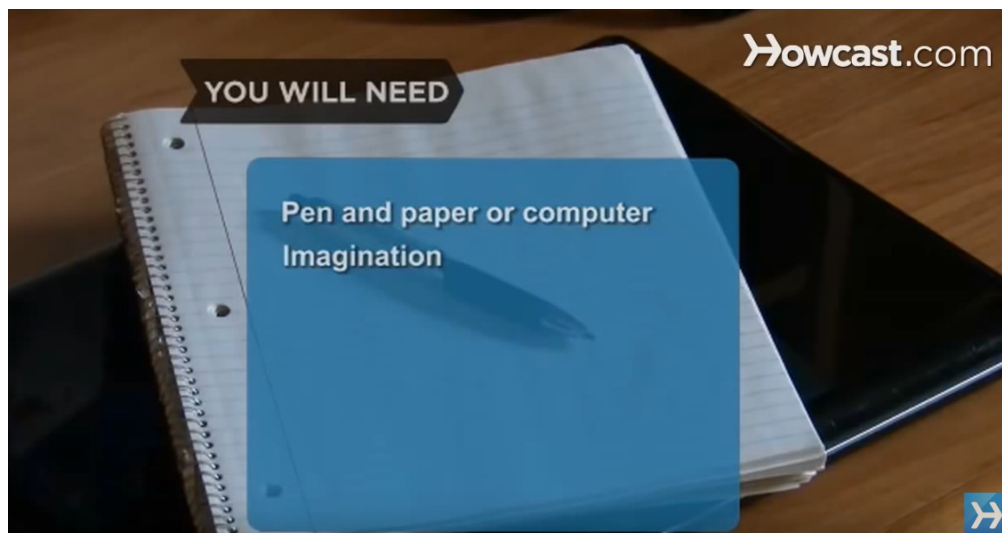
**“Old Man Ed needs to sit and on YouTube he’ll view.”**

**“Others doing things he simply won’t do,”**

**“Like boxing a wild outback kangaroo.”**

**“Or writing a story about something new.”**

*How to write. From YouTube*



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=v8iLUraiWB4> (One about boxing Kangaroos)

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6K\\_1Vh0GT\\_U](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6K_1Vh0GT_U) (The one about how to write)

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**Leila wanted Grandpa (Old Ed) to write about the hill oh so high.  
Where she lives with her Dad nearly touching the sky.  
Pupukea mountain is a hill that's so steep,  
Above North Shore waters that are so very deep.  
And Leila believes no one can, no one will,  
Climb to the top of the Pupukea Mount Hill !**

**And Ed remembered the story he once  
had told,**

**Of how the cousins together the young  
and the old,**

**Took a journey some said, no one can  
no one will.**

**And climbed to the top of Gigantimost  
Hill.**



**And yet that was an adventure, a few years ago.**

**He had to find something, but he didn't know.**

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**“I’ve got it!” said Kelsey. “Wait, just hold on a minute.”**

**“You’re writing a story with other stories within it.”**

**“Bout all of the cousins and some we’ve yet to know.”**

**“And the lessons we’ve learned and places we go.”**

**Frankie said, “It’s a story, through thirty nine years.”**

**“Filled with laughter and joy, fun and some tears.”**

**“Where cousins and cousin’s kids and kids of those cousins,”**

**“Come together each year, in tales by the dozens.”**

**“Stories that remind us that  
though miles apart.”**

**“We’re one big, big family  
joined by the heart.”**



**And old Ed smiled big, and  
he just had to say.**

**“Have a groovy, cool  
Christmas and a  
rad holiday!”**



*Uncle Ed (and for Leila, Grandpa)*