The Splookies
This book is dedicated to splookies, wherever they may be. They are nasty creatures, no doubt about it. But we all deserve a little happiness, and respect!
The Splookies

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I know, I know,

I'm a splooky from County Mayo.

I smell like poo
but . . . what can you do?

I live in a place called Ballina
where Joe Biden's folks came from

- bizarre!
We’re coming to visit you
– yes, quite soon!

Look out for a horrible cheesy moon!

Got that? Cheesy moon...
We’ll bring some sweets – they look delightful!
(Actually, they’re very frightful!)
Splookies!

We frighten one another,
I just love frightening my brother!
Don’t panic! It makes us manic...
And we begin to ooze
smelly stuff from the nose!

An eruption!
A corruption!

It just flows and flows.
Don’t be deceived!
Some of us look nice . . .

But we’re colder than cats’ urine turned to ICE.
Unlike you, we're not afraid of the dark, but we get the runs if we hear a poodle bark!
We hate good manners: if someone says

PLEASE

while we are asleep, we wake up with a

sneeze

smelling like

rotten blue cheese!
Like a treat?

We’ll bite your toenails, suck your feet!
We like to arrive and stay for a week
- Beware!

We leak!
People say, 'that wasn’t smart!'
but we say

It’s art
Beware! Beware!
Beware! Beware!

We can appear
– just like that –
out of thin air!
After a week or so, we’ll go back to our own place — County Mayo!
If you're ever in Westport or sweet Mulranny, enjoy a cup of urine tea with our weirdo granny!
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