

It was a national holiday. Everyone was standing along the street waiting for the arrival of the annual parade. Finally, the signal was given, and the parade started.

There were some of the usual things you see in a parade, like a band with drummers and cymbals. And there were also lots of clowns. Each clown had a one-wheel bike to pedal.

But this parade was not a normal parade. There were some very unusual and interesting floats! On one float was a metal cage with a huge tiger in it. On another float, there was a hospital bed with a big stuffed bear holding balloons. This float had been made by the doctors and nurses at the local hospital.

The parade went up and down all the streets and stopped in front of a cathedral. Then the general stood

on the steps of the cathedral and gave a speech. Then everyone gathered on the lawn for a picnic. It was a great national holiday for everyone!



