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Infant Art

Paint on the ceiling
Paint in my hair
Paint on the table
Paint on my chair
Paint all around me
Paint everywhere –
Except on my paper
There's no paint there.

Jennifer Curry



School Visit to the Sculpture Park

"Don't touch! Don't touch!" the grown-ups glare.

"Don't tear the place apart.

Show some respect for the treasures here,

Don't you know it's ART?"

But

The children touch

And feel

And stroke

And probe

And explore it all.

The ballet-dancer's skirt of bronze

The baby's marble cheek

The sheep's rough woollen coat of stone

The boy's lean back of teak

The children touch

And feel

And stroke

And probe

And find it beautiful.

The teacher smiles, looks proudly round,
Explains it to the crowd.
"Permission to touch – that's what we've got,
For us, it is allowed!"

Jennifer Curry

