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The Space Kids' Big Race is
held every year.

Anyone can enter, the rules
are quite clear.



You just need a ship that can fly
into space.

One lap of the galaxy could win
you the race.



Con had no ship. He had no way to fly.

“But I’d love to be in it,” he said, with a sigh.



“Come on,” said Max, “my Dad has a rocket.

But it needs a new pump, a fuse and some sprockets.”



They rushed to the tip to pick up
some parts.

Then they heard the siren. The race
would soon start!



Max swapped the parts so
the rocket could fly.
Con loaded the fuel and packed
their supplies.



When their rocket took off with
a bang and a zing,
Max started to think he'd
forgotten something.



They sped past Jupiter and saw
sixteen moons.

The spaceship shook hard. They'd
have to land soon.



They headed for Pluto. Crash!
Bang! Rattle! Thump!
The hoses had split on the rusty
old pump.



They patched it with tape,
and both crossed their fingers.
If the ship held together,
they could still be the winners!



Belching black smoke, the rocket
roared off.

"We'll never make it," Con
spluttered and coughed.



The spaceship shook harder as
they shot back past Mars.
Where green men cheered them
from strange orange cars.



Faster and faster and faster
they went.

Till the spaceship broke up,
shattered and bent.