

**Lisa Jarnot**

**First**

First train first day first donut  
first coffee first cab first avenue  
first one sock and then the other  
first fifty first a dozen fifty five  
first frog first stop first winter  
tree of leaves that fall first  
revolution of the sun first step  
toward science first fish up out  
of the sea, first eaten, first eater,  
first laughed at, first killed, first  
receiving radio signals, first to  
do this, first to do that, first  
beyond the first star in the  
moonlight with the fish gods in  
the moon, first at everything,  
first thing written in cement upon  
the sidewalk, first thing set in  
stone.

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