A dab of blue here, a splash of red there, a goopy smear of green . . . everywhere. To the tune of It Ain't Gonna Rain No More, one creative kid floods his world with color, painting first the walls, then the ceiling, then HIMSELF! Before this feisty artist is through, hell have painted his head, back, hands, legs, feet, and . . . Oh no--here comes Mama!

Karen Beaumont's zippy text and David Catrow's zany illustrations turn an infamous childhood activity into raucous storytime fun, giving a silly twist to the fine art of self-expression.
We start with a bouncy rhythm, as the kid describes how his paints got taken away.

Then he gleefully (to the tune of It Aint Gonna Rain No More, of course) sneaks to the closet starts painting his whole body (and, incidentally, the rest of the pristine white house!)

I love the color, and I love the rhythm. Seriously, Im reading this every day to my two nieces, age 5 and 3. They cant get enough of it!

I will note that there is a scene where the kid almost paints his (now naked) butt (singing But Im such a nut, Im gonna paint my.... before his mother walks in with a timely WHAT?!? to end the fun again), and, of course, this whole book is about a child misbehaving willfully (he climbed onto several boxes to retrieve his paint from the closet, after his mother told him to stop at the start of the book). But its such fun that I think so long as youre clear that This Is Not Cool In Real Life that your children wont misunderstand and start misbehaving in your own home.

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