My Noisy Brother

He slurps his soup.
He gargles milk.
He burps after eating.
He cracks his knuckles.
He whistles.
He snaps his fingers.
He squawks when he's mad.
He snores at night.

Younger Brother

He collects bottle tops,
Toilet roll holders,
Dead insects,
Bits of rock and stones
Of interesting shapes and colours,
Half-made models,
Stickers, badges, pencils,
Feathers, germinating seeds,
Used socks (under the bed)
Broken saucers that he never mends,
Torch batteries, glass marbles,
Oh - and friends.

Trevor Millum