

IS THERE A BETTER WAY?

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*Here is Edward Bear,
coming down the stairs now,
bump, bump, bump,
on the back of his head,
behind Christopher Robin.*

*It is, as far as he knows,
the only way of coming downstairs,
but sometimes he feels that
there really is another way,
if only he could stop bumping for a moment
and think of it.*

*And then he feels that
perhaps there isn't.*

-- A. A. Milne

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Patterns that lead to insights on
better designs for software, systems,
curricula, and a handful of other
things

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