

Do Wah Ditty Ditty Do

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Artist

Hirshhorn - cloudy day
Nonobjective - abstract paintings display
Canvas - paper - picture board
White - black - tire cord

Paint splashed
on - about
colors tranquil
some - far out

Tour group winds round - round
Searchin' for truth - nay found
Like Thurber gazin' in a scope
Seein' blur - patrons see hope

Ride lift
Down - down shaft
Search underground
Fore - aft

Arthur Bowen Davies
Aye - ethereal
Uplifted
Nay - animadverial
Arthur Bowen Davies

Ancient - Modern - Artist

Decomposition

Expect Tchaikovsky - Vivaldi - Rossini

Hear - miasimic compost weenie

Euphony nay repertoire

Cognitive dissonance forte'

Harmonically unresolved

Discomposed - bereft

Orchestra drones on - on

Only musicians left

Garner grants extemporizing composition

Charlatans credential nepotism

Contemporary works on condition

National Endowment subvention

National Endowment for Arts

Minstrels - bards - belles-lettres - balletomane

Artists flower by the hour

Artistic waecnian

Seek grants on hunches

Government largess abound

Patrons depart in bunches

Classics nay around

Viva Vivaldi

Bravo Bach

Begehren Beethoven

Wolftrap

Searing heat transcends summer into fall
Musty - humid - steamy - blight
Prison - wooden hall
Sultry midsummer night

Lights dim - curtains rise
Corpulent student breaks into song
Venerable tenor - colossal size
Holds high notes on - on - on

First row orchestra seat
Student Prince operetta treat

Night oppressive
Chorus opera bouffe
Tenor obesive
Seat adhesive

On a mission
Awake 'till intermission

Perspiration glowin'
Eyelids closin'
Head noddin'
Elbow proddin'

Midsummer eve nap

Wolftrap

The Beat Goes On

Apres Beat - fare do Beatnik

Poetry on the attack

Jean Louise Kerouac

Metric rhythmic syllables

Stressed within

Stressed without

Apauravant Kerouac - fare do Pound

Locked away in St. Elizabeths

Rhythmic ode - unsound

Coffee houses

Poetry sow

San Francisco

Words - chants for the mind

Coffee black

Make one go blind

Red - white

Wooden mess

Off Van Ness

Tommy's

Drink Black and Tan

Be a man

Halfway

Bard doth say
Poetry today - halfway

Holds nose
Whiff
Bouquet bovine
Defective prose

Stilted stanzas
Without sense
Life experience
Turgid nonsense

Nay focus
Composition
Pointless
Predilection

Poetry
Nonobjective - abstract
Words fragment
Dostoevski format

Or better yet
Canvas and brush
More discerning
Poeticisum thus

Poetry - construct
Nay deconstruct

Nonobjective
Art form
Visual display

Poetics purvey
Auditory

Poetical thunder
Wonder

Poetic lesson
Stretch - reach

Poetry ought ring
Sing

Poetry ought sigh
Cry

Poetry flourishes
In the street
Explodes in ears
An African beat

Buckeye Ballad

Late - hot - summer
Brown - crunchy - grass
Dusty wisps in air

Warm University eve
Fraternity Rush
Coed's sweet perfumed hair

Crisp Autumn noon
Bright scarlet leaves
Drums enter portal

Gray winter days
Marshmallow hot chocolate
Musty wool sweater

Rainy Spring morn
Steaming cafe coffee
Din of affirmation

Sunny May Day
Warm ebony robe
Tasseled graduation

Poetry

Whatever happened to poetics
Poema - poeme - poiema
Whatever happened to Bards long lost
Whitman - Riley - Frost

Whatever happened to time
Sonnets - odes - rhyme
Whatever happened to fog creepin' in
Sandburg - Thurber - Algonquin

Whatever happened to frost on a pumpkin
Riley rhyming - a country bumpkin
Whatever happened to chestnut tree parameter
Longfellow - Homer - Iambic pentameter -

Whatever happened to poetic poeticism
Homestead - hearth - yard
Whatever happened to poema - poeme - poiema
Rhythm - rhyme - Bard

Whatever happened to

Longfellow

Sandburg

Riley

Frost

Homer

And the

Bard

Pentagon

White sandstone - dingy brown
Soot of Washington
Five buildings in one

Pentagon

Five stories high
Courtyard open to sky
Closed to sun

Pentagon

Divide by four
Army - Navy - Air Force
Marine Corps

Pentagore

Could have stopped
McNamara's folly
All you had to say
Nay win it that way

Pentasway

Blue suits - khaki
Politician's lackey
Dance on a string
To Executive Wing

Pentalackey

No promotion
This side of an ocean
Five sided square
Nay care

Pentanotion

Career - opportunities
Take a stand
Sign up - Vietnam
Ain't war grand

Pentaband

New way to fight
Pockets of men - separated
Connected by air
All alone out there

Pentaplan

Five sided swamp
Mired in a jungle
Waiting for air
To come around

Pentabound

Plan's not new
O'er a century old
British fought the same
In Afghanistan I'm told

Pentasold

Ten thousand Tommys marched
O'er Khyber Pass
Only one came out
With pack - ass

Pentagas

Afghans espy supplies
Set apart from tents
As with Cong
Came between
Men - munitions
Won

Pentagone

Five sided enigma
Parking lots full
Should-a used
Head
Heart
Nay

Pentabull

Christian

Revelations - it's a mission

Christian Coalition

Reactionary
Coalition
Religion - promote
Agenda - vote

Thin-lipped
In place
Wink - nod
Woman's bod

Follow Bible
Tower of Babel
Nay contrition
Coalition

Evangelize
Sermonize
Moralize
Catechize

Revelations it's a mission

Christian Coalition

Politics

Candidates

New Hampshire - Iowa

Politicians

Politicus moratoria

Red ties - blue suits

Video screen

Fog populi

Visual obscene

Voices ascend

One - two - three octaves

Gibberish gibber

Duplicitous talk

Oratory gushes

Sinuous sinuses

Precipitates populus

Vision - aegri somnia

False smiles - hogwash

Headache

Road kill

Bellyache

Legislature legislates
Incumbents to victory
Perverse politicos
Populate history

Politicians kiln
like cracked pottery
Ought to
Pick them by lottery

Sledding in snows
Of New England charm
Holding one's nose
Iowa hog farm

Limit campaignin'
To six weeks
Three for primaries
Three for keeps

Media time
Free - exempt
Familiarity
Breeds contempt

Politico

Politico a petifoger
One nay trust
Wallows in gold
Consumed by lust

Politico slacker
Plow for corn
Politico nay help
Blowin' own horn

Politico lacker
Weed - sow
Politico nay help
Busy doin' his show

Politico stumps
Solicitin' votes
Populi asleep
Nay take notes

Take our money
Take our vote
Spend our taxes
Like a-sailor off a-boat

Save verbum
Crafted carefully - sure
Bring it home
Need Manure

Eye Of Macbeth Newt

*"Double - double toil and trouble
Fire burn and caldron bubble
Eye of newt - and toe of frog
Wool of bat - and eye of dog."*

Fiscal conservatives
Frugal folks - you - me
Currency conservatives
Bankers - brokers - tradin' free
Religious conservatives
Chainin' ladies to a tree

In and out of water hot
Semi-aquatic salamander
One hundred days of future shock
On Gregorian calendar

Surfin' political history
Missin' third wave
Finessin' secular conservatives
Balanced budget save

Intelligent articulate glib
Attackin' this and that
Quos deus vult
Perdere prius demantat

*"Finger of birth strangled babe
Ditch-delivered by a drab
By the pricking of my thumbs,
Something wicked this way comes."*

Inattentiveness

Demand fairness

Look around

Single issue

Fanatic bound

Desire fairness

Miscreants

Fog

News releases trash

Media moguls cash

Nay support under puppy

Libertarian - yuppy

One issue carries day

Fairness lost in fray

Anger half truths laughing gas

We elect one jackass

Doctors - Lawyers - Bureaucrats

Old-fashioned country lawyer
Spittoons on floor

Horse and buggy doctor
House calls at door

County clerk serves
Diligently a-score

Cost of services
Rise to sky
Value adds
Everything we buy

Lawyer executes trust
Plaintif - bust

Doctor checks a-body over
Buy one new Land Rover

Each political Fall
Taxes build new city hall

Lawyer's clock
Only hours

Doctor's fees
Laboratories - hospitals - specialists
Off our feet
Down on our knees

Bureaucrats - wondrous bunch
Wait in line
They eat lunch

Doctors - Lawyers - Bureaucrats
Sing songs known only to bats
Smitten of Latin - obfuscate
Hide guilds from prying' eyes

Doctors - Lawyers - Bureaucrats
More lives than nine cats
Compose own music - so to say
Hide from light of day

Doctors - Lawyers - Bureaucrats
Cut purses - dips - kleptomaniacs
Physician assistants - legal interns
Spin wheel - money churns

Doctors - Lawyers - Bureaucrats
Behind iron gates - clatter of cats
Country Club livin' - afternoon tea
Point - set - match - verse - melody

Genetics

Listen up - nay special favors
Nay human sacrifice too

You - me we're brothers
Genetically I'm you

Stood upright in Africa
Mother of all humanity

Her genes - in all of us
Doubt it - insanity

Chased out of Scotland
Ireland - England - Wales

Climbed many a tower
To escape a Viking's sails

Fought at Concord Bridge
Catholic through and through

Religious persecuted Protestant
Indentured servant - too

Listen up - nay special favors
Nay human sacrifice too -

A victimless society
Genetically I'm you

Buba Dubbal

Without limits nay curb excess
Social graces a morphologic mess

Without limits licentiousness grows
We be wearin' a new suit of clothes

Swingin' in trees
Ripping Levis at knees

We be Buba Dubbal man
One sloberin' orangutan

Pants hang down - crotch at knees
Our peers we do please

Nay shave - all stubble
Pug ugly as Buba Dubbal

Nay wear coat - tie to game
Nay wear sneakers without a-name

Nay wear shirt over tank top
Nay tie shoes - slop - slop - slop

Out of step - we shuffle
Out of words - we muffle

Nay see society as others do
Buba Dubbal - we be you

Manatee

Ocean - lagoon - river
Fish long gone

Nets thrown at night
Steal remainin' spawn

Boats - motors roar
Loud - fast - free

Plowin' sea grass
Harmless manatee

Drug markets flourish
Caterin' foolish young

Constables chase cars
Nudists under sun

Preachers on sidewalk
Picketin' Route One

Harassin' a clinic
When God's work to be done

Ol Rip Van asleep
Another score - or more

Comes to life
On our euphoric shore

Would he understand
Within his field of view

Boys on beach
Wearin' ear rings
Bloomers

Girls on street
Wearin' combat boots
Tattoo

Lewis Carroll
Wrote 'bout folks
In enigmatic style

'''But I don't want to
go out among mad people'''
Alice remarked -

'Oh you can't help that'
said the [Cheshire] Cat
'we're all mad here'''

Zone

Conscious - concentratin'
On task at hand

Doin' without thought
Subconscious makes a stand

Put it all together
Mind - body - one alone

Thoughts will hit all net
When we're in the zone

Mind empty of distraction
Trained to the task

Practice - practice - practice
Give all one can ask

Don't force performance
Mind - body out of synch

We'll slice it to the right
Compose a Mahler clink

Crouched near waterhole
Legs crampin'
Get up - get down

Basic instinct
Mind alert
Body relaxes

Antelope comes

Wait - wait - wait
Its head is down

Rise slowly - slowly
Throw spear
One motion

Nay aim
Imagine
Path

Spear strikes

Dancin' tonight

Miss

Like Mahler
Compose
Dissonance

Memories

Cane back and bottom
Walnut wooden frame

Armrests worn - comfort
Rocking chair - yang

Made by Father
Of Grandfather

Passed on - Son
Grandson

Grandfather passed
Chair came to stay

Recane - shellack
Father didn't want it back

Travel overseas - twice
Grandfather would have thought

Hawaii nice

Nay sit in it

Grandfather's chair

Grandfather passed there

Drum

Left farm in sixty one
To young to tote a-gun

Lee's Army of Virginia
Heard his rat-a-tat drum

Drummin' through Shilo
Second battle of Bull Run

Drummin' along Shenandoah
Rat-a-tat - rat-a-tat drum

Joined young Custer
Golden locks - tall

Chased Mosby's Raiders
Through Shenandoah fall

Captured on a winter's night
Under Newmarket tree

Rebel lieutenant paused
Set the drummer free

Return to father's farm
Stowed drum away
War had lost its charm
Went outside - play

Rat-a-tat - Rat-a-tat

Moonlight and Roses

Sweat pours down
Inside hat crown

Cemetery - a strange place
To christen highway Rainbow

Hot - humid summer day
Graveyard nay place to go

March through cemetery gate
Muffled drums - funeral blight

At grave of Rainbow Brigadier
Colonel led Doughboys in prayer

Hotter than Hell in a coal bin
Played Moonlight and Roses for him

Colonel jumps up - gives a shout
"Brigadier can hear - he's stirrin' about"

Moonlight and Roses - again

Moonlight and Roses - again

Sweat pours down
Inside hat crown

Moonlight and Roses - again

Reunion

Most feared words
Age seventy-one
Class Reunion

Invitation came
With winter's snow

Everyone's goin'
Wouldn't you know

Religious school
We went to

Left of Lenin
Sad but true

Humanities - History
Gone astray

Political correctness
Wins the day

Pockets empty
After tax

Head's bald
As Uncle Max

Body saggin'
Worn with age

Mind frozen
A blank page

Last attended
Age sixty-one

Didn't know
Anyone

Should I go
Stay away

Play guess who
Look at backs

Suit's tight too
With the fats

Plenty to fear
Can't down beer

Stomach fine
Drinkin' wine

Most feared words
Age seventy-one
Class reunion

Lights

Descend Sierra Blanca
Coastin' - savin' gas
Crest horizon - dark barranca
Lights - gasp

Twinklin' - horizon
A thousand - or so
Illuminate night
Enchantment - New Mexico

High above city of angels
Yellow-brown soup
Lights - right angles
Pulsatin' brindle

Golden lights - Washington
Transforms night to day
Hectares - monuments
Scoundrels - hooligans play

Gotham - dazzlin' lights
Nay Central Park
Dark

Frisco
Obscure coastal bog
Above Golden Gate
Creamy fog

Honolulu lights
Melody - Pele
Memories - makai nights
Mauka ua lei mamala

Tiki torches bright
Ocean sand - bright stars
Aloha - into night
Hotel Street bars

City lights
Warm
Friendly
About

Turn
Lights on

God turns
Lights out

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Streets of Do Wah Ditty
Lonely - abandoned
Center of town
Searchin' for Bonnie Blue Gown

On pavement for hours
Windy - cold - damp - mutter
Nothin' found
Searchin' gutter

Wander side street
Narrow as Appian Way
Chased by gang of hooligans
Not outside to play

Broke into sprint
Ran for nine lives
Cut across empty lot
Back broke out - hives

Leanin' on a-lamp post
Grinning Cheshire-Cat smile
Bonnie Blue Gown
Been here quite awhile

Do Wah Ditty
Do Wah Ditty Ditty
Do Wah Ditty Ditty Do

Cross Bronx Expressway

English horn a-euphony
Impressive sound
Rolls Royce - Bentley
Signals go 'round

English horn a-dissonance
Nay melodious sound
Little Neck
English autos abound

Delivery truck on left
No shoulder on right
Cross Bronx Expressway
Gridlock fright

Cross Bronx Expressway
My dismay
Four narrow lanes
Two each way

Cross Bronx Expressway
Rolls Royce - Bentley
Escapin' city fire
English horn a-euphony
Little Neck their shire

Old York - New York

Old York

South - North York Mores

West - Yorkshire Wold

Anglo - Saxon - Jute I'm told

New York

South - Boston Common

West - Hampton Bay

Dutch - Irish - Italian they say

Old York - rites

New York - lights

Old York - shires

New York - fires

Old York - pubs

New York - subs

Old York - pax

New York - axe

Old York - honey

New York - money

Ohs - Ones

Curious humans
Atop food chain

Sends out space probes
Nay find sign of life

Believe aliens visit
Every other night

Fancy adding machines
Store - retrieve information

Attribute human form
Off times procreation

Adding machines nee computers
How they computate

Government - business commutes
Believe computers can create

Ohs - Ones set aside
Machines add - subtract - divide

Storin' information
Ohs - Ones stack up inside

Ohs - Ones create
Data automation

Programmers - information
Compute codes - alchemization

Hardware - software vessels

Data created by man

Won by lowest bidder

Input - orangutan

Computers execute instructions

BASIC - COBOL - FORTRAN

Computers repetitive tasks

Eliminate drudgery

Attribution to creation

Intellectual muggery

Computers do sums

Better than before

Control thermostats

Word processor

Your machine talks

In Ohs - Ones

Who's behind the curtain

Pulls levers - runs

The Wizard you say

In a hot air balloon

Believe in this

Bridge for you soon

Five words a-minute

Multiple on-line lines

Dollars to Ma Bell
Keep up with times

Ohs - Ones
Well worn path

We've invented
Slow telegraph

Have your machine
Call my machine

They'll do lunch

Editors Writers Agents

Editors assemble
Spindle - mutilate - fold
Delete - too
Refine - alter - shoo

Writers - finicky bunch
Art dejure
Meaningless drivel - junk
Wrapped in a funk

Agents review - criticize - assess
Represent - collect - dispute
Sellin' - in tellin'
Agenisis caput

Books - decline
Editors - Writers - Agents incline
Inverse proportional ratio control
Pro bono - a-publico

Editors nay edit
Writers nay create
Agents nay represent
Verbum sat sapientiest

Cock

Morn crisp cabernet

Hazy fall day

Frosty meadow

Effervescent

Harvest

Stored - barn

Time to hunt

Harm

Double barrels - shoot

Rabbits - woodchuck - pheasant

Hunters - occasional barn

Nose pressed on frosty glass

Early morn haze

Aroma of

Bacon

Pancakes

Eggs

Coffee

Hash

Atop water trough

Cock pheasant full of dash

Struts late summer
Crows early fall

Preens bright feathers
Cock pheasant stands tall

Await flight
Magnificent bird

Silent
Nay heard

Nose pressed on frosty glass
Butter thickens - churns

Hunting season past
Cock pheasant returns

Hunt - siren song
Cock pheasant to ground

After slaughter's o'er
On water trough found

Nay long
Afore gone

Morn crisp cabernet
Hazy fall day

Scioto River

Scioto River north Bellpoint
Lonely mornin' song
Summer dawn's anoint

Haunting coo
Melody mired deep
Infectious - true

Scioto River
Peaceful - lonely - haunting
Coo - coo - cool shiver

Water splashes from basin
Sleep lingers corner of eye
Misty morn - coo - coo - cool

High atop Scioto River hill
Fog wisps lift
Mourning dove peaceful still

Scioto River north Bellpoint
Lonely morning song
Summer dawn's anoint

Eternity

Homestead

Friendly

Heart quickens

Gray ol' barn

Crushed stone road

Childhood reflections

One - two - three - four - five - six - seven silent walnuts

Pause - nay go on

Barn - farmhouse

Gone

Stone obelisks

Gnarly overgrown fields

Ten times twenty hectares

Anticipate death

It's our fate

Home Place gone

Remains - a-gate

Search for mortality
Stomach churns

Paper
Brick
Wood

Wood rots
Paper burns
Brick crumbles

Earth swallows
Evolves

Ten million year
Land still here

Best
Remembered
In song - tale

Moren' a
Ziplock baggy
On the geologic scale

Pastime

Shufflin' - scufflin' - spittin' on grass
Scratchin' one's ass

Pastime
It's our national pastime

Mumblin' - grumblin' four letter curse
Bellyachin' - towel snappin' - things much worse

Pastime
It's our national pastime

Spikin' - strikin' - walkin' out
Posturin' - lecturin' - fingerin' lout

Pastime
It's our national pastime

Seedy - greedy - askin' for more
Money - more money - spittin' on the floor

Pastime
It's our national pastime

Vacant lots hallowed
This grand old game
Kids wore knickers
Now ain't it a shame
It's pastime

Art

Art is

Emotion

Sadness

Tear

Smile

Giddiness

Guile

Imagination

Creation

Communication

Substance

Reflection

Introspection

Negative

Positive

Anonse

Hate it

Love it

Response

Dies - anonymous

Teachers

Poetry - literature

Guidance - care

Miracles

Share

Homer - Shakespeare - Clarke

Milton - Dickens - Twain

Swift - London - Harte

Kipling - Poe - Paine

Longfellow - Lowell - Pound

Sinclair - Lewis - Steinbeck

Michener - Clancy

Read 'til drop

Modern - long - fancy

A door stop

Teachers

Moren'

Sealin' wax

Publication

Teachers

Inspiration

Shemya

Windswept tundra
Fog bound Arctic grave

Black pearl Aleutians
Desolate - treeless - drab

Gale swept fog a-sea
Attu glistens stiletto white

Lonely mountain majesty
Alabaster moonlight

Agattu
Empty - human life

Cliffs soar oer ocean foam
Free of mankind's strife

Shaman crosses Bering Sea
Seal skin kayak canoe

Seeks glass fishing float
Ebony beaches Attu

Kayak glides
Empty - black water

Shemya's jade daughter

Sunbury

Breeze freshens from east
Hint of rain - misty dawn air

Ride to furthest reach
Brown - white spotted mare

Cropped grass - dew
Splashes - hoof print

Morn haze rises to sky
Cloudy - creamy white dye

Sun o'er eastern hill
Scarlet - orange - golden ball

Dimly through misty haze
Mother - father - all

Coffee brews oer open fire
Aroma - mornin' breeze

Sharp - clear - memories dear

Turn around

Indian Mound

Sun burns

Man yearns

For one more

Sunbury morn

Golden

Long ago
Golden summer day

Wind mountain road
Banks of Sacramento

Golden fields - grass
Flows - molasses - glass

Pepper valley vista
Desert to mountain pass

Golden California - cooler
'Fore mountain dams

Irrigation
Moisture - heat

Deserts spawn
San Joaquin Valley Fever

Attacked more'n a few
Arabia after - too

California's golden valley
Hectares of dead grass

Snows melt - spring
Flow - mountain pass

Mendocino

Green treasure
Coastal mountain range

Redwoods misty - ocean side
Inland valley - brown mane

Sojurn San Joaquin
Desert - tan

Waste land sink
Irrigation - man

Follow ocean breeze
West - setting sun

North to Shasta
Route one-oh-one

Northwest - Cloverdale
Fruit of wineries

Glide in silent grace
Cathedral - giant trees

Wind - Navaro River
To ocean grand

Exit redwood canopy
Wild coastal sand

Nay easy

Sojourn

Mendocino

Winding

Switch

Back

Forth

Over

'Round

Trek

Up

Down

Cascades

Vineyard valley

Apple blossom spring

Meander

Coastal pine

Spanish moss

Darkness

Redwood's ebony gloss

Skies open

Golden

Above

Azure sea

Bermuda - winter

Scotland - spring

Mendocino

Wandering

A Bit Aft Ten

Floral delight
Wild Orchid Tree

Trouble came
Roots

Sawed
Chopped

Ebony Asp's
Hideaway
Came to stay

Floral den
Comes forth
A bit aft ten

Stretching
Sunning

Tongue flickers
In - out

Turn
Vanished

Eve
Ebony advent

A bit aft ten

Spun

Hi Ho - Good ol' days

Flyin' folks wore elegant
Dresses
Coats - ties - hose
Suits - fine clothes

Propellers spun
Flying - great fun
Fashion - in style
Among rank'n file

Masses fly the line
On peanuts - dine
Nay silver plated care
Sack lunches - fare

Denim the cloth
Generation - sloth
Sneakers clad feet
Juvenile elite

Hi-Ho - Good ol' days
Flyin' above haze
Flair - fun
When propellers spun

Aloha

I speak for Menehune

Where is Kanaka's cry
For Menehune kin

I speak for Menehune

Fish ponds - canals
Speak of Kanaka's sin

I speak for Menehune

Butchered - eaten
Long pig in a bin

I speak for Menehune

Who da kine Hawaiian
Kanaka - Haole
Pake - Portugee

I speak for the Menehune -

Da kine Menahune Aloha make

Listen Kanaka
Dyin' shout
Menehune Power
Everyone out

"ua mau ke ea o ka aina i ka pono"

(The life of the land is established in righteous)

Armenians

Rise King Ludwig
Lovely Lola mouse
Oompah Bands
Ein Munchen's brauhaus

Ein prosit - prosit - prosit
Ein bier - bier - bier
Oompah Bands
Deutsche mark - euro dear

Brauhaus rocking
Ein bier - bier - bier
Oompah Bands
Genocide sprechen here

Steht ein brauhaus
Ein bier - bier - bier
Oompah Bands
Holocaust nay clear

Auschwitz on horizon
Ein bier - bier - bier
Oompah Bands
Ein bier - bier - bier

"After all - who remembers the Armenians?"

(Attributed to Adolf Hitler in 1939 just before the invasion
of Poland)

Teddy

Spring's promise
May is for children

April's contradiction
May is for contrition

Mortal's tears
Nay wash away
Teddy was crushed - yesterday

Man's justice
Nay punish away
Teddy was crushed - yesterday

Heaven's intercession
Nay pray away
Teddy was crushed - yesterday

Oklahoma day care
Holocaust to share
Teddy was crushed - yesterday

Lyrics

Duke Ellington

Lyrics - song

Louis 'Satchmo' Armstrong

Improvisor - impresario

James Whitcomb Riley

Frost - pumpkins - life

Homer

Darkness from light

Edgar Albert Guest

Home - porch - road

Rudyard Kipling

Harrow - toad

Ira Gershwin

Poetry in song

Marcus Valerius Martialis

Right - wrong

Bards smote their lyre

Alone - by the fire

Rhyme - reflect

Poetry - philosophy - respect

Seasons

Spring's song

Sung

Spring's hope

Young

Spring's a-new

Love - desire

Spring's rain

Quenches fire

Spring's happiness

For long in tooth

Spring - trampled

Misspent youth

Summer's a-comin'

Clowns do a-prat

Summer's a-comin'

Sun's high at that

Summer's a-comin'

Promise land a-gold

Summer's a-goin'

Brought a-tale old

Summer's a-goin'

Dyin' fast

Summer's a-goin'

Clowns grown fat

Fall floats in
River raft
Scattered leaves
Fore - aft

Fall sneaks
Nature sleeps
Floats softly

Fall slips 'way
Big river
Harbinger winter
Makes one shiver

Winter's hard
North winds blow
Winter's soft
White with snow

Winter's sport
Youth grows bold
Winter's dread
One is old

Winter's new
Skies swept clear
Winter's gray
Death draws near

Seasons ebb - flow
Lazy in spring
Quick with snow

Woodchuck

Woodchuck scurryin'

Sky scarlet red -

Storm clouds buildin'

Oer family homestead

Grandfather farms with horses
Border collie at his side

Barn full of new mown hay
Places to seek - hide

Hams hung in smokehouse
Chickens free - roam
Cozy farm home

Government subsidizes crops
Prices drop

Every time those folks meddle
Farm loses half its stock

Hogs go first - bacon
Hams from rafter

Horses next
Chickens follow after

Lease land to Uncle Sam
Farm work's scrabble - hard

Government has bottom land
Farmer - just a yard

Where Percherons and Clydesdales reside
Stalls stand empty of Maude - Sandy - Clyde

Windmill wobbles at its best
Where chickens - geese rest

Barn's been empty for quite a spell
Grandfather passed away

Took many a year
fore' a woodchuck came to stay

Barn doors hang to one side
Woodchuck found a place to hide

Likes to sun on top a-mound
Border collie nay 'round

Water trough's empty
Cracked concrete sides

Windmill busted - rusted
No more wild rides

Miss hickory fired smokehouse
Grandfather's sugar cured ham

Now food is store-bought
Government can't farm worth a damn

Woodchuck scurryin'

Sky a-scarlet red

Storm clouds buildin'

Oer family homestead

Kitchen

Kitchen is a-farm's life
Windows wrapped 'round

Cast-iron range - mighty warm
Snow is a-comin' down

Cast-iron range double oven
Modern miracle under sun

Back burner cooler'n front
Where a-sayin' comes from

Cast-iron range fired up
Glow dark cherry red

Reservoir - hot water
Wash-up at homestead

Steam rises oer' reservoir
Bran simmers on top

Pantry packed - summer's crop
Pickles - beets - tomatoes

Hams hang from rafter
Burlap sacks of potatoes

Cured bacon ready to slice
Coffee beans - grinder

Christmas fruit cake - half eaten
Grandfathers dandelion wine

Grandfather goes to town Saturday night

Smokes a-weekly cigar

Kitchen cabinet door on right

White candy sack - Sunday light

Family gathers daily

'Round kitchen table

Parlor - Sunday guests

Wasn't long 'fore

Cast-iron range wore out

Kitchen seems empty

Electric stove about