

## The New Teacher

Ma teacher's awfie posh, dad.  
She chynges aw oor names.  
Wee Shuggie noo is Hugh, dad  
And Jimmy's ayewis James.  
I'm scunnered wi it aw, dad,  
The wey she shoogles words.  
And I must be glaikit no tae ken  
That feathered friends are birds.

Ye learnt me aw wrong, dad,  
Ye called a ball a baw.  
Your wife she is my mother, dad,  
You said she wis ma maw.  
I'm no sure hoo tae spell, dad,  
I'll never pass ma test  
Cause I don't know what I'm wearin -  
A semmit or a vest.

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Is a cow a coo, dad?  
A sparrow just a speug?  
Is a wall a waw, dad?  
Is a dog a dug?  
She's gaun tae warm ma ear, dad,  
Insteid o skelp ma lug.*

I gave ma nose a dicht, dad,  
When it began tae dreep.  
She gave me such a fricht, dad,  
I near fell aff ma seat.  
'Haven't you a hankerchief?'  
She roared as if in pain.  
'Naw, ah jist use ma sleeve, miss,'  
And wiped ma nose again.'

I cawed a mouse a moose, dad,  
I should have held ma tongue.  
That's manure on yer bitts, dad,  
No longer is it dung.  
It's turnips and potatoes,  
No tatties noo and neeps.  
She said I'd ripped ma trousers  
When I'd only torn ma breeks.

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There's two words for awthin, dad,  
Aw jumbled in ma heid.  
How can I well bred, dad,  
When I keep sayin breid?  
Is a crow a craw, dad?  
Is a bull a buhl?  
I'll try my very hardest, dad,  
I will, I will, I wull.

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