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Gee, I wish just once somebody would forget that I take dramatic art lessons! I wish just once they would! Every Friday in school, when we have poetry an' things, all the other kids get to do their part in a bunch together, while I get saved out to give a reading! Know what giving a reading is! It's being in a sort o' play, only there's no one in it but you; only you have to talk to them anyway, and you call it a monologue. Or else you say poetry as if it wasn't poetry. What's the use of all these poets going to the trouble of finding rhymes, if you say the poem as if it were common sentences?

I wish I was allowed to say, like this: (singsong)

Poor old Jonathan Bing.
Went out in his carriage to visit the king.
But everyone pointed and said look at that.
Jonathan Bing has forgotten his hat he'd forgotten his hat

Poor old Jonathan Bing.
Went home and put on a new hat for the king.
But up by the palace a soldier said hi.
You can't see the king you've forgotten your tie—he'd forgotten his tie.

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