

SPELLING

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I started my lorn boling at the age of sixty-ate
And found it quite relaxing, but I put on xtra wate.
I'm told the xtra kilos cood sumhow be related -
To the boler's thirst - one of the worst,
And one witch must be sated
By reguler consumpsHEN of fermented granes and jooses
And the beery carbohydrates
Witch fermented grane projuces
But tho' this tired old theery must at leest be stated
I'd rather blame the *boling* for the girth extrapolated.

Now, spelling's just like boling,
There's more waze than one to do it:
Take a simpel word like apple,
Are apples froot or fru-it?
And what about the humble pare, a tasty froot and handy,
You can boil it, you can bake it, you can eat it ror or stew it
Or you can add a bit of of shooger, and turn it into candy.

This leeds us on to spelling,
The subject of this ditty:
You mite think that my new method
Mite not look all that pritty
But for those of us who carnt spal cat
And have trubble with sum werds
It's the English way of spelling
Witch is strictly for the burds.

Now take the town of Inverloch,
The place where we abide,
Nine letters just to spell it-
We cood cast a few aside
Then E and R cood be reduced
Down to the letter A

And spal it simply INVALOCH.
But do we really need the H,
It's silent, anyway!
We cood drop the aitch, (don't call it haitch)
Then spal it INVALOC
But this name comes out of Scotland
And the Jocks wood di of shock.

It must be quite a hed-ake for migrants just arrived
To make some sense of English
However hard they strived.
So nation shood be nayshen
And ration shood be rashen
And patience shood be payshens
And passions shood be pashens,
If we spalt it like we sed it -
Those Yanks wood soon embed it
In their dickshenry by Webster, already quite contrived.

There's a millyun words now out there
Just begging for reform
To make for simpler spalling
And pronunsi-ay-shen norm.
Just look at yore old dickshenry
Collecting dust there on the shelf
And imajen just how tricky
This English must shurely be
When you learn to spal it from a book
And you can only speek Chinee.

So all you lousy spallers
Shood forget the rools they tort in skools,
-Those lurned teecher fellers.
Spalling words *fonetic'ly* is quik and simpel too
And it adds a bit of culler,
-Like vilet, turcoys, old dark bloo
And redd and moave and yellor.

In no time at all, this way of spelling
Wood take off - becoz it's eezy
-So eezy it's compelling,
To spal the werds the way we speek
And free us from the hide and seek
Of hunters seeking quarry,
To find those werds in Webster's book
Or Oxford, or Macquarie.

Henceforth we'll spal just how we speek
And no-one will be sorry
To see the last of spellings past,
From Latin, French - that tired old wench
And, Greek, and Celt and Saxon.
From this point forth, from south to north,
From east to west, across this land Orstralia
We'll spal our werds the way we want
Without the wanin' , waste and waxin'

It's quite absurd, but a simple word
Like Writing - and this is what we're testing,
Shood always start with the letter R
Like Reading, Rules, or Resting
So wordsmiths all - take up yore swords
Or sords, without the dubble-u
Do this and spelling the trickiest words
Will henceforth no longer trubble-u.

So - begin the fite for yore natural rite
To spal yore words phonetically
So Bowls will be Boles, and foals will be foles,
And full-bax will kick ohn- goles, not own- goals,
And I await your conversion, breth-bated
To start spalling yore words fonetically
And the existing redickulas sistem
Will soon become old and out-dated.

Tweeters and twitters and texters
And most of the known ambidexters
And the folks who live with dyslexia
Have neva been trubbled with spallings correct;
Their method is much simpla and flexia.
They've always spalt with fonetic
And I admit that their spalling's pathetic
But it's shorta and quicka and sexia.