

Batgirl's Disgrace

Auntie Betty pulls her cloak on
 And the mask - the one with ears.
 Then she flies out of the classroom
 Fighting back a flood of tears
 All the teachers in the playground
 Wag their fingers at the girl
 If only she had done her homework
 First, before she saved the world

Need calamity prevention?
 Sorry. Batgirl's in detention

Andrea Shavick

U20	Live Competition Mode
E20	Solo Verse Speaking, Non-Open
K20	Primary 1 and 2, Girls
Y20	<i>Batgirl's Disgrace by Andrea Shavick</i>
	Read Me and Laugh: A Funny Poem for Every Day of the Year – Chosen by Gaby Morgan, page 98
	Macmillan Children's Books ISBN 9780330435574
	• First line: Auntie Betty pulls her cloak on • Last line: Sorry. Batgirl's in detention

Big Fat Budgie

I'm a big fat budgie,
 I don't do a lot.
 Might park on my perch.
 Might peek at my mirror.
 Might ring my bell.
 Might peer through the bars of my fat budgie cell.
 Might say 'Who's a pretty boy then?'
 Might not.
 I'm a big fat budgie.
 I don't do a lot.

Michaela Morgan

U21	Live Competition Mode
E21	Solo Verse Speaking, Non-Open
K21	Primary 1 and 2, Girls
Y21	<i>Big Fat Budgie by Michaela Morgan</i>
	The Works Key Stage 1 – Chosen by Pie Corbett, page 193
	Macmillan Children's Books ISBN 9781447274841
	• First line: I'm a big fat budgie, • Last line: I don't do a lot. • (This poem consists of 10 lines.)

It's Dark in Here

I am writing these poems
From inside a lion,
And it's rather dark in here.
So please excuse the handwriting
Which may not be too clear.
But this afternoon by the lion's cage
I'm afraid I got too near.
And I'm writing these lines
From inside a lion,
And it's rather dark in here.

Shel Silverstein

U22	Live Competition Mode
E22	Solo Verse Speaking, Non-Open
K22	Primary 1 and 2, Girls
Y22	<i>It's Dark in Here by Shel Silverstein</i>
	Read Me and Laugh: A Funny Poem for Every Day of the Year – Chosen by Gaby Morgan, page 267
	Macmillan Children's Books ISBN 9780330435574
	• First line: I am writing these poems • Last line: And it's rather dark in here. • (This poem consists of 10 lines.)

True Confession

On my birthday I wrapped
a big slice of chocolate cake
in pink paper to give
to Miss Twiglington,

but when I got to school
she was horrible to me;
'You haven't worked hard enough,
your spellings are bad

margin crooked,
fingerprints all over'
then she ripped out the page
and made me start again. I thought

'She's not getting that cake.'
When break time came
I ate it myself in the playground
and I didn't care.

Irene Rawnsley

U23	Live Competition Mode
E23	Solo Verse Speaking, Non-Open
K23	Primary 3, Girls
Y23	<i>True Confession by Irene Rawnsley</i>
	The Works – Chosen by Paul Cookson, pages 182-183
	Macmillan Children's Books ISBN 9780330481045 / 9781447273493
	• First line: On my birthday I wrapped • Last line: and I didn't care.

What Are Little Girls . . .

I'm not	cricket bats
a	and big white rats
sugar and spice	crested newts
girl	and football boots
an all-things-nice	
girl	that's what
a do-as-told	this little girl's
good-as-gold	
pretty frock	...Made Of.
never shock	
girl	

I'm
 a
 slugs and snails
 girl
 a puppy-dogs'-tails
 girl
 a climbing trees
 dirty knees
 hole-in-sock
 love-to-shock
 girl

Adrian Henri

U24	Live Competition Mode
E24	Solo Verse Speaking, Non-Open
K24	Primary 3, Girls
Y24	<i>What Are Little Girls ... by Adrian Henri</i>
	The Works – Chosen by Paul Cookson, pages 161-162
	Macmillan Children's Books ISBN 9780330481045 / 9781447273493
	- First 3 lines: I'm not a sugar and spice - Last line: ... Made Of.

I Did Not Eat the Goldfish

I did not eat the goldfish
It really was not me
At the time of the crime
I was sitting in a tree

I did not eat the goldfish
That's no word of a lie
I loved his silvery fins
And his glassy eye

I did not eat the goldfish
I did not touch one golden scale
And I've no idea why pondweed
Is hanging from my tail

Roger Stevens

U25
E25
K25
Y25

Live Competition Mode

Solo Verse Speaking, Non-Open

Primary 3, Girls

I Did Not Eat the Goldfish by Roger Stevens

The Works 3 – Chosen by Paul Cookson, page 399

Macmillan Children's Books ISBN 9780330415781 / 9781447286851

- First 2 lines: I did not eat the goldfish
It really was not me
- Last line: Is hanging from my tail

