

Sounds and Letters
A poem for English students



When in English class we
speak,
Why is break nor rhymed
with freak?
Will you tell me why it's
true
That we say sew, but also
few?

When a poet writes a verse
Why is horse not rhymed
with worse?
Beard sounds not the same
as heard
Lord sounds not the same
as word

Cow is cow, but low is low
Shoe is never rhymed with
toe.
Think of nose and dose and
lose
Think of goose, but then of
choose.

Confuse not comb with
tomb or bomb,
Doll with roll, or home
with some.
We have blood and food
and good.
Mould is not pronounced
like could.

There's pay and say, but
paid and said.
"I will read", but "I have
read".
Why say done, but gone
and lone -
Is there any reason known?

To summarise, it seems to
me
Sounds and letters disagree.