



ENGLISH POETRY – GRADE 8

'Petronella'

'Petronella darling don't play down there,
Come and have tea with Auntie and me,
It's nice and sunny here on the lawn
And there's lots of strawberry jam.
We'll even let you pick the currants
And leave the rest of the scone.
Petra, please, don't kick the cat.
And do stop picking your nose.
Yes, she's even seven this year
And so affectionate too.
Don't throw stones at Mummy dear.
They might go in her eyes.
Auntie has brought you a present My love,
come, kiss her and say Hullo – Petra!
No, I think the little Dear said 'Oh! well.'
Petra don't dig up the dahlias
And do give your knickers a tug.
I don't like you playing down there
My love, the goblins will catch You I'm sure –
you'll kill them!
Well, come and have tea with Auntie and
me,
And we'll let you drink out of the saucer.
It's one of her off days you know.
Petronella! You've now gone too far,
You've covered the table with sod,
I know you don't care, but Auntie Is here,
and she loves little girls like you.
Leave the dahlias alone,
No, we don't want a hole,
And do stop screaming down there –
Oh! dear, she's found Uncle George...'

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Teenagers

Hey come on okses, it's time to have fun
Forget the work and let our hormones run!
"Boom boom boom boom, I want you in my
room"

Don't let my mother hear that, she'll freak
out and swoon!
Check out that babe, she's really quite cute
Wow, with the body she's an absolute
beaut.

Our folks are quite strict, they're real fuddy
duddies

Why won't they let us hang out with our
buddies?

Let's hit the Mall and take in a movie
How 'bout Nottinghill, Hugh Grant's quite
groovy

I'm feeling quite moody, look at this pimple
When I wear my bikini can you see the
dimple?

I can't control the pitch of my voice My body
is changing,

I've got rid of my toys Sex-ed is cool!

We know about HIV Mom and Dad,
trust us and soon you'll see

Our teenage years are only a stage
We'll get through them, smiles, tears and
rage

Soon we'll be adults, ready to flee the nest
Sit back, relax and enjoy our zest!

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