

## **OUR STRANGE LANGUAGE**

**When the English tongue we speak,  
Why is "break" not rhymed with "freak"?  
Will you tell me why it's true  
We say "sew" but likewise "few";  
And the maker of a verse  
Cannot rhyme his "horse" with "worse"?  
"Beard" sounds not the same as "heard";  
"Cord" is different from "word";  
Cow is "cow", but low is "low";  
"Shoe" is never rhymed with "foe".  
Think of "hose" and "dose" and "lose";  
And think of "goose" and yet of "choose".  
Think of "comb" and "tomb" and "bomb";  
"Doll" and "roll" and "home" and "some",  
And since "pay" is rhymed with "say",  
Why not "paid" with "said", I pray?  
We have "blood" and "food" and "good";  
"Mould" is not pronounced like "could".  
Wherefore "done" but "gone" and "lone"?  
Is there any reason known?  
And, in short, it seems to me  
Sounds and letters disagree.**

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