Rhythm and Meter

Say*!*

I **like** green **eggs** and **ham***!*

I **do***!* I **like** them, **Sam**-I-**am***!*

And **I** would **eat** them **in** a **boat**.

And **I** would **eat** them **with** a **goat**…

And **I** will **eat** them **in** the **rain**.

And **in** the **dark**. And **on** a **train**.

And **in** a **car**. And **in** a **tree**.

They **are** so **good**, so **good**, you **see***!*

So **I** will **eat** them **in** a **box**.

And **I** will **eat** them **with** a **fox**.

And **I** will **eat** them **in** a **house**.

And **I** will **eat** them **with** a **mouse**.

And **I** will **eat** them **here** and **there**.

Say*!* **I** will **eat** them **AN**Y**WHERE***!*

I **do** so **like** green **eggs** and **ham***!*

**Thank** you*!* **Thank** you, **Sam**-I-**am***!*

**If** we **sha**dows **have** off**end**ed,

**Think** but **this**, and **all** is **mend**ed,

**That** you **have** but **slum**b’red **here**

**While** these **vis**ions **did** app**ear**.

**And** this **weak** and **id**le **theme**,

**No** more **yield**ing **but** a **dream**,

**Gen**tles, **do** not **rep**re**hend**.

**If** you **par**don, **we** will **mend**.

And, **as** I **am** an **hon**est **Puck**,

**If** we **have** un**earn**èd **luck**

**Now** to ’**scape** the **ser**pent’s **tongue**,

**We** will **make** a**mends** ere **long**;

**Else** the **Puck** a **li**ar **call**.

**So**, good **night** un**to** you **all**.

Give **me** your **hands**, if **we** be **friends**,

And **Rob**in **shall** res**tore** am**ends**.

[*Exit*.]

(*A Midsummer Night’s Dream, 5.1.423-38)*