
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 **ANYWHERE** !

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

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

And this **weak** and **idle** **theme**,

No more **yielding** **but** a **dream**,

Gentles, **do** not **reprehend**.

If you **pardon**, **we** will **mend**.

And, as I **am** an **honest** **Puck**,

If we **have** **unearnèd** **luck**

Now to 'scape the **serpent's** **tongue**,

We will **make** **amends** ere **long**;

Else the **Puck** a **liar** **call**.

So, good **night** unto you **all**.

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

And **Robin** shall **restore** **amends**.

[Exit.]

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If we **shadows** **have** **offended**,

Think but **this**, and **all** is **mended**,

That you **have** but **slumb'red** **here**

While these **visions** **did** **appear**.