

Ben HOMEWORK

Peril  
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I really enjoyed this, Ben!

I wish I was not a nice guy.

My heart is so full of kind thoughts.

So full its overflowing.

I am so nice you can find me...

Something Ben (verges on much + pinch in comedy) wrote in Types at End (my ECD class where we mainstreamed some special ed. students)

...in the dictionary under nice guy

Tom Hanks took "nice lessons" from me!

Phil Levien graduated from "Ben's School of nice."

If a truck were to run over me

The gutters would be filled with kindness.

I wish I was not so sweet.

My mother keeps wanting to add me to her cookies.

Willy Wonka has a wanted poster out for me.

My kisses are sweeter than chocolate kisses.

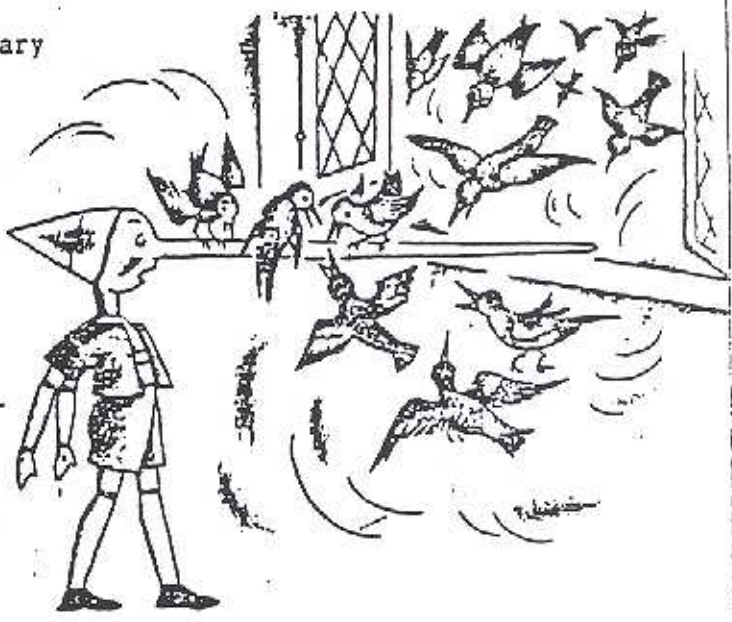
Its tough to be me nice guy that I am.

SERIES OF LIES POEM

- DIRECTIONS:
- a) Tell a series of lies about yourself.
  - b) Begin with the line, "I wish I were not so..."
  - c) End the poem with an "If..." section. See examples.

EXAMPLES

I wish I were not so brilliant.  
 My incredible mind overflows with ideas  
 Weighing me down with knowledge.  
 I am so smart I wrote volumes 4, 8, and 16  
 Of the *Encyclopedia Britannica*.  
 I've read every book in the Phoenix Public Library  
 And for recreation  
 I decipher Mayan hieroglyphics.  
 If a car were to run over me,  
 The gutters would be filled with learning  
 And bits of my brain would shine in the street  
 Like the morning sun.



I wish I were not so handsome.  
 My amazing good looks make it difficult  
 For me to go shopping  
 Without sales girls fainting at my approach.  
 Robert Redford writes me hate mail,  
 Farrah Fawcett wants me for a date,  
 And I have to hide from the entire chorus line  
 of the Stardust in Las Vegas.  
 If I were to walk in Encanto Park on Sundays  
 Girls would desert their boyfriend's arms  
 To throw kisses at me  
 Across the lagoon.

Write a 20-line poem (10 minutes) using  
 the first three examples.