

Our Strange Lingo

When in 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 the verse,
Cannot rhyme his **horse** with **worse**?

Beard is 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**, **dose**, and **lose**.
& think of **goose** & yet with **choose**.

Think of **bomb**, **tomb** and **comb**,
Doll and **roll**, or **some** and **home**.

Since pay is rhymed with say,
Why not **paid** with **said** I pray?

Can all be well e'en though I write:
That **weight** rhymes not with **height**?

Think of **blood**, **food** and **good**.
Mould is not pronounced like **could**.

Wherefore **done**, but **gone** and **lone**
Is there any reason known?

Slumber and **lumber** are still a match,
But not with **plumber**, what's the catch?

To sum up all, it seems to me
Sound and letters don't agree.