EYE SPOONERISMS

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Spoonerisms by definition swap sounds, but when written they are often ANAGRAMS that also swap letters, like Spooner’s alleged “a wining shit” for “a shining wit”. EYE SPOONERISMS are word pairs that swap letters and look like Anagram Spooners but don’t swap sounds. They use EYE RHYMES (head/bead), which Richard Lederer has championed in these pages (WW 09-249). A few of mine violate his rules for the sake of a fun word swap or comment.

I. ONE-EYED SPOONERISMS
In these half-spooners one of the two pairs is a true rhyme. They’re easier to find than the deaf-in-both-eyes doubles, so more abundant, but both are a small selection of the many found.

Dear Aunty Jill, Jaunty? Ill? Love, Anil

breast-fed feast-bred

Cease haste, ease, chaste.

cool wrap Wool? Crap!

Dave says save days.

Daylight breaks / Bright “dayleaks”

Fear bright bear fright!

Friend, fee. Fiend, free!

God says “Sod gays!”

great sit ...seat grit

knavish: rock up, ravish, knock up

Mead had head mad.

plow back / blow pack

real wad weal rad

wad big, bad wig

rolling stone strolling one

sharp wine Warp, shine!

Sins worry wins “Sorry†”

slavish lacker lavish slacker

“SMASH, QUELL, QUASH SMELL!”

how-are-you letter to a US aunt (true spoonerism if Brit)

Babies and men alike feast at the fount of Mammalism.

coitus virginalis conatus interruptus (L., conatus attempted)

It’s not cool to wear wool! Even if cool it’d be warm.

Please, Dave, tell us how!

poetic synonym: Day leaks through the crack of dawn.

Beware of the Bear with the Chartreuse Hair! (old song)

double antonyms: Friendship is costly, villainy is gratis.

The O.T. God wasn’t at all politically correct. (He got better thanks to Jesus, who miraculously improved God!)

watching sunset on the beach

The Rake’s Progress

pun: A foamy drink made a foamy brain.

antigram: how to treat profits

a definitive: radically rich...

...but cheap looking, like Donald Trump

definitive

the glow of inebriation

confession († = a dagger of guilt / a cross of forgiveness)

antigram: the two extremes of the class system

an ad: Deodorise in three ways!
Spanish dread Danish spread. 

Starry trip, tarry, strip. 

Sunflower fun, slower 

Veil deep deil Veep 

“Want coke?” “Can’t, woke.” 

Were hell Here well. 

West charm chest warm 

Wiggle gear, giggle wear. 

Pun: Dip or hip? Sauce or saucy? (For the Danes’ revenge, reverse the spooner.) 

Midnight skinny dipping (No, no, not in the tar pool!) 

Watching flowers grow, a popular zen/hippy recreation 

Dick “Dark Side” Cheney, undercover demon 

Drug-transcending enlightenment, or a wakeup call 

I, moving from USA to Oz (In your face, United States!) 

Mae (or a hot ‘magic’ war chest of NATO weapons) 

Young girls learning to flirt 

II. TWO-EYE SPOONERISMS 

These double eye-rhymers hardly sound at all like spooners. They’re the true eye spoonerisms. 

Supergran naturally assumed they were terrorists like all Arabs. (Apologia for the irregular form here, but I couldn’t resist the opportunity to create a senile superhero for the aging racist crowd.) 

Anole, systemic systole-anemic 

Boar got gar, boot. 

Cured rare red curare 

Heath danger death hanger 

Massive lager, “live” massager 

Poly-phonemic phony polemic 

Wholly fat (Folly, what?) 

An ill lizard, rapidly losing heart 

This little piggy went fishing. 

Primo red curare cured and street-ready for Goth trippers 

The Hound of the Baskervilles 

A drunk masseuse is full of juice. 

Verbose bullshit (a self-referential phrase!) 

Age of Reason fatuously “overgrown” by Age of Obesity