

## A POEM

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This is an excerpt from Gardner's 1969 book *Never Make Fun Of A Turtle, My Son* (Simon and Schuster, illustrated by John Alcorn).

### **Barbershop**

When you visit the barber  
And sit in his chair,  
Don't squirm  
Like a worm  
While he's cutting your hair.

Don't shiver  
And quiver  
And bounce up and down.  
Don't shuffle  
And snuffle  
And act like a clown.

Each wiggle  
Will jiggle  
The blades of the shears.  
Clip-clip,  
Clip-clip.  
Those scissors can slip  
And snip  
Off a tip  
Of one of your tender pink ears!