

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.

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| Dear Aunty Jill , Jaunty? Ill? Love, Anil | how-are-you letter to a US aunt (true spoonerism if Brit) |
| breast-fed feast-bred | Babies and men alike feast at the fount of Mammalism. |
| Cease haste , ease, chaste. | <i>coitus virginalis conatus interruptus</i> (L., <i>conatus</i> attempted) |
| cool wrap Wool? Crap! | It's not cool to wear wool! Even if cool it'd be warm. |
| Dave says save days. | Please, Dave, tell us how! |
| Daylight breaks / Bright "dayleaks" | poetic synonym: Day leaks through the crack of dawn. |
| Fear bright bear fright! | <i>Beware of the Bear with the Chartreuse Hair!</i> (old song) |
| Friend, fee. Fiend, free! | double antonyms: Friendship is costly, villainy is gratis. |
| God says "Sod gays!" | The O.T. God wasn't at all politically correct. (He got better thanks to Jesus, who miraculously improved God!) |
| great sit ...seat grit | watching sunset on the beach |
| knavish: rock up , ravish, knock up | <i>The Rake's Progress</i> |
| Mead had head mad. | pun: A foamy drink made a foamy brain. |
| plow back / blow pack | antigram: how to treat profits |
| real wad weal rad | a definitive: radically rich... |
| wad big , bad wig | ...but cheap looking, like Donald Trump |
| rolling stone strolling one | definitive |
| sharp wine Warp, shine! | the glow of inebriation |
| Sins worry wins "Sorry†" | confession († = a dagger of guilt / a cross of forgiveness) |
| slavish lacker lavish slacker | antigram: the two extremes of the class system |
| "SMASH, QUELL, QUASH SMELL!" | an ad: Deodorise in three ways! |

Spanish dread Danish spread.

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

Starry trip, tarry, strip.

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

sunflower fun, slower

watching flowers grow, a popular zen/hippy recreation

veil deep deil Veep

Dick "Dark Side" Cheney, undercover demon

"**Want coke?**" "Can't, woke."

drug-transcending enlightenment, or a wakeup call

Were hell. Here well.

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

West charm: chest warm

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

Wiggle gear, giggle wear.

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

an ill lizard, rapidly losing heart

Boar got gar, boot.

This little piggy went fishing.

cured rare red curare

primo red curare cured and street-ready for Goth trippers

heath danger death hanger

The Hound of the Baskervilles

massive lager, "live" massager

A drunk masseuse is full of juice.

poly-phonemic phony polemic

verbose bullshit (a self-referential phrase!)

wholly fat (Folly, what?)

Age of Reason fatuously "overgrown" by Age of Obesity