

## Examples of Progression

### Exposition/Development/Resolution

#### *What I Did For Love*

Kiss today goodbye, the sweetness and the sorrow.  
Wish me luck. The same to you  
But I can't regret what I did for love.  
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Look, my eyes are dry. The gift was ours to borrow,  
It's as if we always knew,  
And I won't forget what I did for love,  
What I did for love.

Gone, love is never gone.  
As we travel on, love's what we'll remember!

Kiss today goodbye, and point me toward tomorrow.  
We did what we had to do.  
Won't forget, can't regret  
What I did for love.

## Problem/Examination/Solution

### *I Cain't Say No*

I'm just a girl who cain't say 'no'  
I'm in a terrible fix!  
I always say 'Come on, let's go' just when I aughta say 'Nix.'  
When a person tries to kiss a girl  
I know she aughta give his face a smack!  
But as soon as someone kisses me  
I somehow sorta want to kiss him back!

I'm just a fool when lights are low  
I cain't be prissy an' quaint  
I ain't the type that can faint  
How can I be what I ain't?  
I cain't say 'no!'

Whatcha gonna do when a feller gets flirty  
An' starts to talk purty  
Whatcha gonna do?  
S'pposin' that he says  
That your lips are like cherries,  
Or roses, or berries  
Whatcha gonna do?  
S'pposin' that he says  
That yer sweeter than cream  
And he's gotta have cream or die?  
Whatcha gonna do when he talks that way?  
Spit in his eye?

I'm jist a girl who cain't say no,  
Cain't seem to say it at all  
I hate to disserpoint a beau  
When he is payin' a call!  
Fer a while I ack refined and cool,  
A settin on the velveteen setee  
Nen I think of thet ol' golden rule,  
And do fer him what he would do fer me!

I cain't resist a Romeo  
In a sombrero and chaps  
Soon as I sit on their laps  
Somethin' inside of me snaps  
I cain't say no!

## Time Progression - Past/Present/Future

### *Memory*

Midnight, not a sound from the pavement  
Has the moon lost her memory?  
She is smiling alone  
In the lamplight the withered leaves collect at my feet  
And the wind begins to moan.

Memory all alone in the moonlight  
I can smile at the old days  
I was beautiful then  
I remember the time I knew what happiness was  
Let the memory live again.

Every street lamp seems to beat a fatalistic warning  
Someone mutters and the street lamp gutters  
And soon it will be morning.

Daylight, I must wait for the sunrise.  
I must think of a new life  
And I mustn't give in  
When the dawn comes  
Tonight will be a memory too  
And new day will begin.

## Time Progression - Calendar/Clock

### *If Ever I Would Leave You*

If ever I would leave you  
It wouldn't be in summer;  
Seeing you in summer, I never would go.  
Your hair streaked with sunlight. . .  
Your lips red as flame . . .  
Your face with a luster  
That puts gold to shame.

But if I'd ever leave you,  
It couldn't be in autumn.  
How I'd leave in autumn, I never would know.  
I've seen how you sparkle  
When fall nips the air.  
I know you in autumn  
And I must be there.

And could I leave you running merrily through the snow?  
Or on a wintry evening when you catch the fire's glow?

If ever I would leave you,  
How could it be in springtime,  
Knowing how in spring I'm bewitch'd b? you so?  
Oh, no, not in springtime!  
Summer, winter or fall!  
No, never could I leave you at all.

## Pronoun Progression

### *I Knew Him Once*

I knew him once  
So very long ago.  
And he was happy then.  
But he went away and changed.  
I never saw him again.

I knew him once  
He threw it all away.  
We didn't speak for years.  
When he finally said goodbye  
Of course I had no tears.

Why you pulled away  
You never would say.  
You never gave me answers.  
Why you turned so dark I never knew.  
I turned my back on you.

I knew you once.  
At least I thought I did  
Until you called that night  
Asking how I'd been  
I knew you once.  
Perhaps I will again.