

*Sixteen examples of lyrics which demonstrate*

**Character through Diction**

*and four which do not*

1.

At the villa of the Baron De Signac,  
Where I spent a somewhat infamous year,  
At the villa of the Baron De Signac  
I had ladies in attendance,  
Fire-opal pendants...

2.

Boy, boy, crazy boy-  
Stay loose, boy!  
Breeze it, buzz it, easy does it-  
Turn off the juice, boy!

3.

Coochie, cootchie, cootchie coo.  
I've got a plan for what I'm gonna do to you.  
So hot you're gonna steam and scream  
And vibrate like a string I'm plucking.

4.

You dad gum guv'ment  
You sorry rakafatchits  
You got yourself an itch  
And you want me to scratch it  
Well, you dad gum, dad gum, dad gum guv'ment  
Oh, don't you know  
Oh don't you love 'em sometimes

5.

Everybody has their moment  
When their world begins to shine  
Got to keep the fire inside you  
Everything will turn out fine  
If you believe  
Watch me step into my dream  
Like the eagle  
Was born to fly  
Right across the open sky  
I was born  
To be seen on a screen

6.

Don't. Please don't. Don't do it.  
Think of really ugly girls  
And the smell of body odor and your parents having sex.  
Don't. I'm embarrassed and I'm shy  
And it's happening by reflex.

7.

Come on babe  
Why don't we paint the town  
And all that jazz?

8.

Get 'em in the glazzies,  
Get 'em in the gulliver,  
Gulliver, gulliver,  
A hulluva fight!  
Strike 'em with your fisties  
Snake 'em with your oozy,  
Oozy, oozy, 'oo's 'e tryin' to smite?

9.

If I were a rich man  
Daidle, deedle daidle  
Digguh digguh deedle daidle dum  
All day long I'd biddy biddy bum  
If I were a wealthy man  
I wouldn't have to work hard  
daidle deedle daidle  
Digguh digguh deedle daidle dum  
If I were a biddy biddy rich  
Digguh digguh deedle daidle man

10.

Oh, wouldn't it be luvrly  
Oh, so luvrly sittin'  
Abso-bloomin'-lutely still  
I would never budge  
'Til spring crept  
Over the windowsill

11.

Columbus and his men, they say,  
Conveyed the virus hither,  
Whereby my features rot away  
And vital powers wither;  
Yet had they not traversed the seas  
And come infected back,  
Why, think of all the luxuries  
That modern life would lack!  
Dear boy:  
All bitter things conduce to sweet,  
As this example shows;  
Without the little spirochete,  
We'd have no chocolate to eat  
Nor would tobacco's fragrance greet  
The European nose.  
Dear boy.

12.

In another dimension - with voyeuristic intention  
Well secluded - I'll see all  
With a bit of a mind flip -  
You're there in the time slip  
Nothing can ever be the same  
You're spaced out on sensation  
Like you're under sedation  
Let's do the time warp again

13.

Everything you are  
Everything you'll be  
Touches the current of love  
So deep in me.  
Every sigh in the night  
Every tear that you cry  
Seduces me.

14.

It is patently clear  
Any awkwardness here  
Can be cleared up in less than a trice  
Our identity switch  
Who is who, which is which  
We're in need of some solid advice  
There's a painfully simple solution  
It's as plain as the nose on your face [...]  
By derby day! By nursery tea!  
By moose! By spoons!  
By half past three!  
By every tender breast that heaves!  
By George! By Jove! By Jeeves!  
By marmalade! By bowler hat!  
By toothpaste tube! By Burmese cat!  
By baby newts! By autumn leaves!  
By George! By Jove! By Jeeves!

15.

Don't get too close  
Don't be afraid  
Don't say too much  
If you don't mean it  
I can be kind  
I can be cold  
I've got a heart  
Haven't you seen it  
Don't get too close  
Don't be afraid  
Don't say too much  
If you don't mean it  
I can be kind  
I can be cold  
I've got a heart

16.

On the day I was born,  
Said my father, said he.  
I've an elegant legacy  
Waitin' for ye,  
'Tis a rhyme for your lips  
And a song for your heart,  
To sing it whenever  
The world falls apart.

17.

Mister Cellophane  
Shoulda been my name.

18.

I love you, please say  
You love me too, these three words  
They could change our lives forever  
And I promise you that we will always  
Be together  
Till the end of time

19.

Oh, you want it now, you want it so bad  
So damn bad you'll go stabbing in the dark  
But the smell of blood'll drive you crazy,  
Hungry like a shark  
You want a real scare, a nightmare  
Well if you can't stop your bitching  
You'll get what you've been wishing  
You think you might be dreaming  
But wait until you wake up screaming.

20.

Well, either you're closing your eyes  
To a situation you do not wish to acknowledge  
Or you are not aware of the caliber of disaster indicated  
By the presence of a pool table in your community.[...]  
I say that any boob can take  
And shove a ball in a pocket.  
And they call that sloth:  
The first big step on the road  
To the depths of deg-ra-Day--  
I say, first, medicinal wine from a teaspoon,  
Then beer from a bottle  
An' the next thing ya know,  
Your son is playin' for money  
In a pinch-back suit  
And list'nin to some big out-a-town Jasper  
Hearin' him tell about horse-race gamblin' --  
Not a wholesome trottin' race, no,  
But a race where they set down right on the horse,!  
Like to see some stuck-up jockey'boy  
Sittin' on Dan Patch? Make your blood boil?  
Well, I should say.  
Friends, lemme tell you what I mean.  
Ya got one, two, three, four, five, six pockets in a table.  
Pockets that mark the diff'rence  
Between a gentlemen and a bum,  
With a capital "B,"  
And that rhymes with "P" and that stands for pool!