

# Please Mrs Butler by Alan Ahlberg

Please Mrs Butler  
This boy Derek Drew  
Keeps copying my work, Miss.  
What shall I do?

Go and sit in the hall, dear.  
Go and sit in the sink.  
Take your books on the roof, my lamb.  
Do whatever you think.

Please Mrs Butler  
This boy Derek Drew  
Keeps taking my rubber, Miss.  
What shall I do?

Keep it in your hand, dear.  
Hide it up your vest.  
Swallow it if you like, my love.  
Do what you think is best.

Please Mrs Butler  
This boy Derek Drew  
Keeps calling me rude names, miss.  
What shall I do?

Lock yourself in the cupboard, dear.  
Run away to sea.  
Do whatever you can, my flower.  
But *don't ask me*.

<https://clpe.org.uk/poetryline/poets/ahlberg-allan>

A lovely explanation of why teachers are a bit crazy!

And Alan Ahlberg reading his own poem.