



# Assembly

- This is an irreverent look at assembly items, which kids will enjoy. You can substitute the names in the poem for names of class members, if you wish.

## Performing:

There is lots of room for dressing up and acting out the different assembly alternatives in this poem. The poem can be recited by the whole group or individual children could say the lines with names in them, with everyone joining in on the other lines.

## Classroom Links:

Whilst this is really intended as a humorous poem for children to enjoy, it could be used in personal development lessons to get kids to explore their talents. Have them explore and discuss the things they can do that other classmates can't. The talents in the poem could be changed to reflect the talents of different class members.

## Literature Links:

- **Too Loud Lily**, by Sofie Laguna and Kerry Argent (*Omnibus*, 2002)
- **Josephine Wants to Dance**, by Jackie French and Bruce Whatley (*Angus & Robertson*, 2006)
- The Best Band in the Land, a poem by Meredith Costain, published in **Doodledum Dancing**, by Meredith Costain (*Penguin*, 2006)

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It's assembly time again  
And here we are on show;  
We should have got dressed up  
But our teacher just said 'no.'  
We should be singing loud  
But she just said 'no way!'  
We could have done a dance  
We could have done a play.  
But she wants us to stand  
And recite this stupid rhyme;  
She didn't give us any choice  
It really is a crime.



Calum would like to juggle;  
He's really very good.  
And Louise would like to pirouette  
She is certain that she could.  
Emily's taken singing lessons  
And Tom would play the flute.  
Liam's a ventriloquist  
His puppet's really cute.  
We could jive or we could boogie;  
We could dance and sing and kick.  
But teacher made us learn this poem  
It really makes us sick!



Conor has a clarinet  
And David has a drum;  
Ben says that he would not sing  
But he'd be prepared to hum.  
Anne has taken acting lessons  
And wants to be a star.  
James would get us rocking  
If he plugged in his guitar.  
We could have been performing  
Made you laugh and clap and cheer  
But instead we've had to say this poem  
And now we're out of here!

