

So far we've been looking at some very grown up and quite intense poems, so here's a lighter poem for your Saturday today - but it has a serious message. Here's the poem, which was written by JACK PRELUTSKY in 1984:

BE GLAD YOUR NOSE IS ON YOUR FACE

Be glad your nose is on your face,
not pasted on some other place,
for if it were where it is not,
you might dislike your nose a lot.

Imagine if your precious nose
were sandwiched in between your toes,
that clearly would not be a treat,
for you'd be forced to smell your feet.

Your nose would be a source of dread
were it attached atop your head,
it soon would drive you to despair,
forever tickled by your hair.

Within your ear, your nose would be
an absolute catastrophe, [pronounced 'cat - a - strof - ee']
for when you were obliged to sneeze,
your brain would rattle from the breeze.

Your nose, instead, through thick and thin,
remains between your eyes and chin,
not pasted on some other place –
be glad your nose in on your face!

The serious message is that you are pretty much perfect as you are - so don't go trying to improve on perfection. BILLY JOEL said it best in his song 'JUST THE WAY YOU ARE' the first line of which says 'Don't go changing to try and please me' and the last line of which says 'I love you just the way you are.' And if you want to hear the whole song, here it is: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vBZnGklnAjw>

