

## Elocution

Aye, right, ah think  
Am urnae that bad  
mair accent than leid an sangs.  
But still  
oh no  
elocution it is  
the professor suggests tae me.

One wishes to paahss?  
One wants to progress  
through life and cahreer (*and clahss*)?  
Raspberries tae that  
Ah'll no be wheesht  
Ah'll gie it laldy ah think in ma heid.  
But outwardly (awkwardly) smile and nod  
an' cry once cooried in bed.

Twinty years on  
Ah'm back frae awa  
a bairn come hame an learnin anew.  
Blithe,  
screivin  
an' fu o voice,  
a ceilidh o wirds kittlin an flitherin fir use.

**Jacqueline Tweddle**