

# The English U

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I'll preserve the U  
Preserve the English U, for you  
For you because you always knew  
Where it would be

I want to save the U  
Safeguard the English U, for you  
For you, because I need  
I need to find the you  
You wanted me to see

I want to know the comma  
Though I neglect to honour  
Every breath implied, uncertain of its need

Happenstance I am wanton  
Misplacing or forgotten  
You were always sure to tell me what to read

I am made quite otherwise it seems  
A criminal to grammar  
To apostrophe - the hammer

All that you made matter as to dream  
Read to me, I'm always listening

I wish to spell correctly  
To spell is elementary  
And that I fail is not to disagree

I'm pretty sound with tenses  
With when and which and whences  
But the order of the letters are degrees

I am made quite otherwise it seems  
A criminal to grammar  
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All that you made matter as to dream  
Read to me, I'm always listening

You kept beautiful words in soft carbon pages  
As beautiful worlds went missing in stages  
Scattered in sandstorms and stolen in rages  
A cache of books inside your pillow cases

Read to me, I'm always listening