

**Please Mr Zahawi**

Eric Bateson

With apologies to Allan Ahlberg

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My classroom's got no glue

The Pritt stick's gone from Autumn term

What shall I do?

Beg some from elsewhere, of course.

Steal some from IT.

Use the gum off the tables, man!

You'll get by easily.

Please Mr Walker

Our library's anarchy;

We can't afford a librarian –

It's run by Key Stage 3!

Stop squandering money on photocopying;

Spend less on arts and trips and... stuff.

Hire some young staff - half the price!

I'm sure you're funded enough.

Please Mr Sunak

The cover supervisor's stressed

She's also a TA, and the nurse,

She never gets a rest!

Do a little more, I say –

Each job has troughs and peaks.

We all have to work hard, you know,

Just think of those six weeks.

Please Mr Zahawi

£5 billion's good so far...

But it's just a third of what was urged

By *your* Covid catch-up tsar.

We don't talk about Sir Kevan's

Sudden resignation.

Unlike you lot, in the Government

We show dedication!

Please Mr Walker  
I speak with admiration  
For my LGBT+ students  
Who want some liberation!

There's no money for that, my friend;  
It's not a core subject.  
You can trust in charity, can't you?  
What more do you expect?

Please Mr Zahawi  
The funding seems unmatched:  
This leafy shire gets twice the increase  
Of that more deprived patch.

I hope you're not political, now.  
Be careful what you say.  
You have to be impartial,  
So the kids aren't led astray.

Please Mr Walker  
This appraisal's made me sweat  
But I've jumped through hoops and checked it all.  
What shall I get?

Pay progression, well done to you!  
Though inflation rates might soar  
So even rising up the scale  
Your pay goes down once more.

Please Mr Sunak  
Aren't you a millionaire?  
There's plenty of money to go around.  
All you need do is share.

My family's wealth arrangements  
Should not be spread round town.  
The rules are different for us up here,  
Some cash will trickle down.

Please Mr Johnson  
The IFS said once more:  
These cuts just have no precedent

In our sector since the war.

And actually Mr Johnson,  
Mr Sunak and your friends  
My classroom's packed - there's no more room  
These cuts have got to end.

But really, Mr Johnson,  
We're making history.  
We'll build, we'll strike, get what we need.  
Just you wait and see!