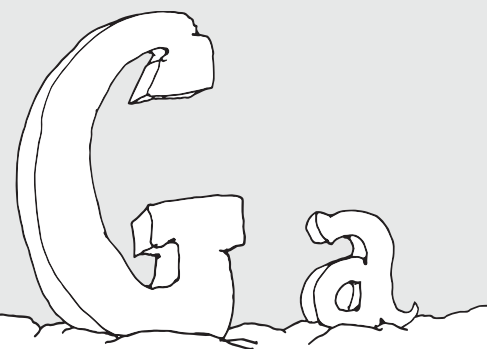


by Shel Silverstein, 1974

Said little a to big G,
“Without me,
The sea would be
The se,
The flea would be
The fle,
And earth and heaven couldn't be
Without me.”
Said big G to little a,
“Even the se
Could crsh nd spry,
Nd the fle would fly
In the sme old wy,
Nd erth nd heven still would be,
Without thee.”



by Sndor W. & Srh W., Chicgo, 2016

*We beg to differ, for it's terribly hrd to sy
Very signifcant word without the use of some a's.
The lines tht follow led to two-word nmes or syings
Tht shre properties fundmentl to this gme we're plying.*

One is Fitzgerld tle of lvishness nd verve
Nother, sheet for plotting mthmticl curve
N oculr prosthesis of convex style
Smllish orgn sub-liver tht collects one's bile
Nme of lndmrk in Chin seeble from spce
French nme for super fst uto rce
Trety tht bns cptors from behving men
Musicl genre of Dvid Bowie nd Queen
Steinwy mkes this kind of musicl device
In rizon is this gorge tht they sy is quite nice
The holistic nme of Englnd, Scotlnd, nd Wles
Legendry stromer who blzed stromoncl trils
Plce to grb some diesel or unleded
Vrietl of trt pple tht's oft bked or shredded
Something the ref sys when it's forty to love
Hrmless fellow who slithers below or bove

*So wht's next? First words first, find the letter we've discussed.
Second, compre it to word two nd extrct wht you must.
Soon you'll hve this word tht's so impossible to sy
Without our little buddy, our good friend, the ubiquitous — a.*