

## **The Shaggy Brown Chicken and other poems for children (and for chickens of all ages)**

### **The Shaggy Brown Chicken**

Through the country, one day, I was driving  
And my car, it just crawled to a stop  
The engine was hot, it was smoking  
A chicken came to me as it hopped

Now the chicken had shaggy brown feathers  
And its beak was all covered in grease  
It said, "May I look at the engine, my brother"  
I just nodded my head and said, "Please"

"You see, all your car needs is some water,"  
Said the chicken while wiggling its tush  
"In that hut, seek the aid of the farmer"  
And I ran to the hut in a rush

I told the kind farmer what happened  
I knew chickens like that were quite scarce  
Said the farmer, "Ignore that brown chicken,  
"For that chicken knows nothing 'bout cars"

## **Dawn**

Sun on horizon

Ripe mangos on lean branches

Chicken egg hatches

## **Douglas the Chicken and the Horse**

There was once a chicken named Doggie,  
Bowwowwowed all day till he was hoarse.  
At the park, how he barked at a handsome young horse.  
Did the horse run away? Did he hide 'hind the doors?  
Said the horse, "You don't scare me one bitty.  
"For your bark is much worse than your bitey."

## **Douglas the Chicken Replies**

We caught up with Doggy for an interview on the roof.

“Woof woof woof,” said Doggy. “Woof woof woof-woof-woof woof-woof-woof.”

## **Clucked in Question**

O, my friend

O, my chicken

I don't know what you've been a-lickin.

O, wait...

Do you even have a tongue?

Would you open up your beak

so I can take

a peek?

## **Hey, Sick Chick**

Why are you  
looking pale?  
Or are you  
feeling frail?  
Why are you  
lost for words?  
Oh, that's right:  
You are birds.  
Do not fret,  
little pets.  
Eat some seeds.  
Try to burp.  
Soon you'll learn  
how to chirp.  
And with luck,  
learn to cluck.  
Very soon  
you'll get well  
and you'll all  
leave your shells.  
But for now  
get some sleep.  
Learn to count  
happy sheep.

## **Inflight Haikus**

### Thank you for flying Air Chicken

Attention, roosters  
and hens, fasten your seatbelts  
and enjoy the ride

### Frequent upside down flier

Why fly upside down?  
Go, try flying right-side up.  
You see, your crown droops.

### Wings in the air

Up, up and away.  
Closer, closer to the sun.  
Watch your feathers molt.

## **Inflight Haikus 2 – The Revenge of the De-Feathered**

We're experiencing some turbulence

Fasten your seatbelts.  
If you don't like them scrambled,  
hold on to your eggs.

Whatever you do, don't panic

Losing air pressure.  
We're landing this Zepellin.  
Get out of the way!

## **My, How You Chickens Have Grown**

O, balls of knotted muscle attached to skinny legs  
Gone were the old, old days when you were teeny eggs

## **In the Kitchen, There's a Chicken**

Bok-bokokok bok-bokokok  
I'm a chicken who can cook-ok  
Bok-bokokok bok-bokokok  
In the kitchen, I'm the head cock

Cock-a-doodle cock-a-doodle  
The soup noodles, it's good foodle  
Cock-a-doodle cock-a-doodle  
Have some tangy apple strudel

Chickenini chickenini  
Try my home-baked macaroni  
Chickenini chickenini  
It goes well with dry martini

Tik-tiloohoo tik-tiloohoo  
This is what I like to do-do  
Tik-tiloohoo tik-tiloohoo  
Cooking day and night for you-hoo!