

Gripe & Response

I. Student Gripe

Excuse me, teacher
I had a few questions for you

Why is it we hafta
memorize so many facts
in order to pass yer class?

Why do yer examinations seem like weapons
to the unprepared?

Need yer pen be so merciless -
can't sum mistakes B spared?

All we want is do is read comic books:
our intellectual hunger is gone
& you're basically a crook.

Teacher Response

Don't blame me for yer problems -
I'm tired ah hearing gripes.

Life is hard enough fulfilling school regulations -
don't give me extra strife.

The system was designed to foster literacy -
do you think it's merely a game?

Wake up and learn conformity -
it's useless to fight err blame.

If you go through the basic motions
& kowtow appropriately
you'll have a degree of freedom:

no one listens to constant complaints
and besides, inherent in life is a degree of imbecility:
Is anything on this planet perfectly great?

Satoru: Dang! I hope I never think this way!

Tim: Hey, try being a teacher for 30 years or so. Eventually,
you are almost certain to become a parody of your younger self.

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