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Sounds and Letters Don't Agree by Lord Cromer 1902

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Why does break not rhyme with weak?
Won't you tell me why it's true
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And the maker of a verse
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Cord is different from word,
Cow is cow, but low is low,
Shoe is never rhymed with foe.
Think of hose and dose and lose,
And think of loose and yet of choose,
Think of comb and tomb and bomb
Doll and roll and home and some.
And since pay is rhymed with say
Why not paid with said I pray?
Think of blood and food and good;
Mould is not pronounced like could.
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