

If I Were in Charge of the World

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Text	What do you notice?	Can you name it?
If I were in charge of the world I'd cancel oatmeal, Monday mornings, Allergy shots, and also Sara Steinberg. If I were in charge of the world There'd be brighter night lights, Healthier hamsters, and Basketball baskets forty eight inches lower. If I were in charge of the world You wouldn't have lonely. You wouldn't have clean. You wouldn't have bedtimes. Or "Don't punch your sister." You wouldn't even have sisters. If I were in charge of the world A chocolate sundae with whipped cream and nuts would be a vegetable All 007 movies would be G, And a person who sometimes forgot to brush, And sometimes forgot to flush, Would still be allowed to be In charge of the world.	All stanzas start with.... It's written from a child's pov Not all words rhyme All stanzas have the same number of verses	

If I Were In Charge of the World	If I Were In Charge of the Classroom
	Get rid of- worksheets, Negative Nancy's, assigned seats, bullies Wanted- eating in class/but only if we picked up our trash, background music when we worked, it would be okay to ask questions You wouldn't have cliques You wouldn't have grades You wouldn't have one best friend If I were in charge of the classroom I'd cancel 7:50 AM, Negative Nancy's, and bullies. If I were in charge of the classroom There'd be background music Eating in class, and Freedom to ask questions If I were in charge of the classroom You wouldn't have cliques You wouldn't have worksheets You wouldn't have silence Or "You made a bad grade" You wouldn't even have grades If I were in charge of the classroom Being weird would be cool And we could all learn about what we wanted And a person who woke up late, And wasn't always great Would still be allowed to be In charge of the classroom.