

English 12

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Now I wish I could recollect pi.
Eureka! cried the great inventor.
Christmas pudding, Christmas pie
Is the problem's very center.

Dewdney II, p. 25 = Dewdney (de), p. 56
(Submitted by Michael Stueben of Annandale, Va.)

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I wish I could [determine](#) pi
Eureka! cried the great inventor
Christmas pudding, Christmas pie
Is the problem's very centre.

From: J. B. Youles

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Pie.

I wish I could remember pi
'Eureka!' cried the great inventor,
'Christmas pudding, Christmas pie
Is the problem's very center!'

<http://widget.ecn.purdue.edu/~debartol/deep.html>

Comment:

"remember" : the word only has 8 letters when in fact it should have 9
From: Gordon Weir

Editor's Note:

The wrong word "remember" is now replaced by the "determine"
"the error was caught by Gordon Weir" [Author's note]

English 13

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Sir, I bear a rhyme excelling
In mystic force and magic spelling;
Celestial sprites elucidate
All my own striving can't relate.

Eves, p. 132

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Comment:

The comma is supposed to be the decimal point.
From: Gary Wong

2

Sir, I send a rhyme excelling
In sacred truth and rigid spelling
Numerical sprites elucidate

For me the [lexicon's dull weight](#).

From: Lawrence Shirley

<http://www.webcom.com:80/~geomanda/mnemonics.html>

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Sir, I bear a rhyme excelling
In mystic [sense](#) and magic spelling,
Celestial sprites elucidate,
All my own striving can't relate.

From: John Howie

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Sir, I bear a rhyme excelling,
In mystic [words](#) and magic spelling,
Celestial sprites elucidate,
[And in the](#)

From: Joop van den Eijnde

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Sir, I bear a rhyme excelling
In mystic [power](#) and magic spelling.
Celestial [spirits](#) elucidate
All my own [rhymings](#) can't relate.

From: John Fisher

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Sir, I bear a rhyme excelling
In mystic force and magic spelling
Celestial sprites elucidate

All my own striving can't relate.
Or locate they who can cogitate
And so finally terminate. Finis.

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http://www.cs.caltech.edu/~adam/PUZZLES/pi_song

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1

Sir, I send a rhyme excelling
In sacred truth and rigid spelling
Numerical sprites elucidate
For me the lexicon's dull weight
If nature gain
Not you complain
tho" Dr Johnson fulminate.

P. Ar., p. 274

2

Sir, I send a rhyme excelling
In sacred truth and rigid spelling
Numerical sprites elucidate
for me the lexicon's **full** weight.
If nature gain, **who can** complain
tho' **Doc** Johnson fulminate.

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Editor's Note:
Read: **Doc** --> Dr

English 14

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Now I know a spell unfailing
An artful charm for tasks availing
Intricate results entailing
Not in too exacting mood.
(Poetry is pretty good). Try the talisman.
Let be adverse ingenuity.

Tietze, p. 220, fn. 12

2

Now, I **show** a spell unfailing
An artful charm, for tasks availing
Intricate results entailing
Not in too exacting mood
Poetry is pretty good
Try the talisman. Let be
Adverse ingenuity.

P. Ar., p. 274 - 275

English 15

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But a time I spent wandering in bloomy night;
Yon tower, tinkling chimewise, loftily opportune.

Out, up, and together came sudden to Sunday rite,
The one solemnly off to correct plenilune.

by Joseph Shipley (1960)

Shipley

<http://users.aol.com/s6sj7gt/mikerav.htm>

English 16

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1

Now I will a rhyme construct
By chosen words the young instruct.
Cunningly devised **endeavor**,
Con it and remember ever.
Widths of circle here you see.
Sketched out in strange obscurity.

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Editor's Note : Read:
endeavor --> endeavour

2

Now I will a rhyme construct,
By chosen words the young instruct.
Cunningly devised endeavour,
Con it and remember ever,
Widths **in** circle, here you see
Stretch'd out in strange obscurity.

From: Darren Rigby

From: John Mason, Mike Thomas [~~stretched~~ --> Stretch'd]

Reference:

"Fun with Numbers", I think.

From: John Mason

3

Now I will a rhyme construct,
By chosen words the young instruct,
Cunningly devised endeavour,
Con it and remember ever,
Length in circle here you see,
Sketched out in strange obscurity.

<http://www.erinet.com/lruth/sinclair/issue3.html>

<http://www.erinet.com/lruth/sinclair/vo2is1.html>

English 17

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Now I, even I, would celebrate
In rhymes inapt, the great
Immortal Syracusan, rivaled nevermore,
Who in his wondrous lore,
Passed on before,
Left men his guidance
How to circles mensurate.

by A. C. Orr

Literary Digest, vol. 32 (1906), p. 84 =
Moritz, p. 373, #2127

Comment (cf. : English #11.3)

I have seen an English mnemonic for Pi, written by the astronomer

A. S. Eddington (I think), which starts with "Now I, even I".

From: Garry Tee

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Now I - even I - would celebrate
In rhymes **unapt** the great
Immortal Syracusan rivaled nevermore,
Who in his wondrous lore,
Passed on before,
Left men his guidance
How to circles mensurate.

by Adam C. Orr, of Chicago

Literary Digest, 20 Jan., 1906, p. 83 =
Gardner I, pp. 92 - 93 [Read: **rivalled** --> rivaled]

Davis, p. 9
Eves, p. 122

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Now I, even I, would celebrate
in rhymes **inapt**, the great
immortal Syracusan **rivall'd** nevermore
who in his wondrous lore
passed on before
left men his guidance
how to circles mensurate.

From: Seth Breidbart

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Now I, even I, would celebrate
in rhymes **inept**, the great
immortal Syracusan **rivall'd** nevermore
who in his wondrous lore
passed on before
left men his guidance
how to circles mensurate.

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newsgroups: rec.humor

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Now I even I would celebrate
in rhymes inapt the great
immortal Syracusan, rivaled nevermore,
who is his wondrous lore
passed on before
gavem men his guidance
how to circles mensurate.

ftp://asterix.inescn.pt/pub/forth/talk/bar0531.90

Editor's Note :

Read: gavem --> gave

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Now I - even I - would celebrate
In rhymes inept the great
Immortal Syracusan rivaled nevermore,
Who by his wondrous lore,
Untold us before,
Made the way straight
How to circles mensurate.

Dewdney II, p. 25 = Dewdney (de), p. 56
Scott, p. 30

English 18

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All I know I could disregard as hardly worth our while
relating. Thousands laboured computing for pi but
obtained very little. In modern days one can increase
the pi figures utilizing built-up electric monsters.
What a marvellous science!

by Gazis and Herman (1958)

Scott, p. 30

Editor's Note:
0 = - (hyphen)