

Sweet And Sour

To feed a stale macaroon
To a male raccoon,
Munch a crunchy jilipi
In a jalopy,
Invent a sly sobriquet
For a martinet,
Pry out a pesky fishbone
From near the wishbone --
Would make even a rheumatic
Wax half ecstatic.

To marry a contrary
Prothonotary,
Dive down a roller-coaster
Perched on a bolster,
Map the itinerary
Of a canary,
Spruce up a fat trust-buster
With a bust-duster --
Would blow up a mere spinster
Into a raving monster.

-- John Moffitt

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(Note: A jilipi is a Bengali sweetmeat that looks like a pretzel; it is soaked in sugar syrup.)

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