

Appendix 2a: “Principal’s Office”  
 (Transcribed by musical grouping rather than by grouping of couplets)

Couplet #  
 referred to  
 in text:

				(Now -)	
X X X X X as I get to	X X X X X school I hear the	X X X X X late - bell -	X X X X X ringing - Run		1.1
X X X X X - ning thru the	X X X X X hall I hear the	X X X X X glee - club -	X X X X X singing - -		1.2
X X X X X Get - to the	X X X X X of fice I can	X X X X X hardly - speak	X X X X X - Cause its the		1.3
X X X X X 3rd - late -	X X X X X pass - that I	X X X X X got this - week	X X X X X - - So -		1.4
X X X X X to my first -	X X X X X class - I run	X X X X X - and don't -	X X X X X walk - All I		1.5
X X X X X hear is my snea	X X X X X - kers and the	X X X X X scratching of chalk	X X X X X - and when I		1.6
X X X X X get to the room	X X X X X - I hear the	X X X X X tea - cher say	X X X X X - - Mis ter		1.7
X X X X X YoungI'm hap py	X X X X X that - you could	X X X X X join us to day	X X X X X - - I try		1.8

X		X		X		X		
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2.1
-	to	sit	down	-	so	I	can	
				take	-	some	notes	
						-	-	But I

X		X		X		X		
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2.2
can't	-	read	-	what	the	kid	next	
						-	to	me
						wrote		And if that

X		X		X		X		
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2.3
wasn't	enough	-	to	make	my	morning	complete	
								-
						-	-	As I

X		X		X		X		
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2.4
try	to	get	up	-	I	find	there's	
						gum	on	my
						seat		-
								And with the

X		X		X		X		
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2.5
seat	-	stuck	-	to	me	-	I	
						raise	-	my
						hand		-
								and say ex

X		X		X		X		
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2.6
cuse	me	but	can	I	go	to	the	
						bathroom	-	ma'am?
								-
								The tea

X		X		X		X		
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2.7
-	cher	got	up	set	-	and	she	
						screamed	out	-
						No!		-
								It's -

X		X		X		X		
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	2.8
off	-	to	the	prin	ci	pal's	of	
						-	fice	you
						-		-
						go	-	-

(8 lines follow)



X		X		X		X		
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	4.1
walk -	thru -	school -	with ice	-	on my lip	-	- A nur	

X		X		X		X		
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	4.2
-	ses late -	pass -	like a	gun on	my hip	-	- My books	

X		X		X		X		
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	4.3
-	are real -	hea vy	I walk	-	and I'm -	drag gin' it	-	

X		X		X		X		
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	4.4
No -	school -	lunch -	next -	week I'm	brown -	baggin' it	-	

X		X		X		X		
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	4.5
For	get -	class -	I'm 'a	shoot -	some ball	-	- With the	

X		X		X		X		
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	4.6
late -	pass -	I got -	no	trouble	at all	-	But then the	

X		X		X		X		
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	4.7
nurse -	walks -	up and	says -	What do you	know	-	- It's -	

X		X		X		X		
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	4.8
off -	to the	prin ci	pal's of	-	fice you -	go -	- -	



X  
X X  
X X X X  
- the first -

X  
X X  
X X X X  
note - told her

X  
X X  
X X X X  
she was - fine

X  
X X  
X X X X  
- And - I

6.1

X  
X X  
X X X X  
hoped that - the

X  
X X  
X X X X  
two of us could

X  
X X  
X X X X  
spend - some time

X  
X X  
X X X X  
- - She wrote

6.2

X  
X X  
X X X X  
- - me back

X  
X X  
X X X X  
- and told me

X  
X X  
X X X X  
You're fine - too

X  
X X  
X X X X  
- - I'd love

6.3

X  
X X  
X X X X  
- to go'n a

X  
X X  
X X X X  
date and spend some

X  
X X  
X X X X  
time - with you

X  
X X  
X X X X  
- So then I

6.4

X  
X X  
X X X X  
sat - there -

X  
X X  
X X X X  
reeling - and

X  
X X  
X X X X  
looking at the

X  
X X  
X X X X  
ceiling - Words

6.5

X  
X X  
X X X X  
- can't - ex

X  
X X  
X X X X  
press - the way

X  
X X  
X X X X  
- that I was

X  
X X  
X X X X  
feeling Then I

6.6

X  
X X  
X X X X  
thought to myself

X  
X X  
X X X X  
- - the sure

X  
X X  
X X X X  
- way - to

X  
X X  
X X X X  
get her is to

6.7

X  
X X  
X X X X  
write a no ther

X  
X X  
X X X X  
note - oh yes

X  
X X  
X X X X  
- a love -

X  
X X  
X X X X  
let ter When I

6.8

X  
X X  
X X X X  
finished the note

X  
X X  
X X X X  
- - it was

X  
X X  
X X X X  
ready to pass

X  
X X  
X X X X  
- The tea cher

7.1

X  
X X  
X X X X  
took it - and

X  
X X  
X X X X  
read it right in

X  
X X  
X X X X  
front of the class

X  
X X  
X X X X  
- She read it

7.2

X  
X X  
X X X X  
word - by -

X  
X X  
X X X X  
word - and line

X  
X X  
X X X X  
- by - line

X  
X X  
X X X X  
- and ev 'ry

7.3

X  
X X  
X X X X  
bo dy who was

X  
X X  
X X X X  
laughing was a

X  
X X  
X X X X  
friend - of mine

X  
X X  
X X X X  
- - E ven

7.4

X  
X X  
X X X X  
- my girl was

X  
X X  
X X X X  
laughing - it

X  
X X  
X X X X  
was - too late

X  
X X  
X X X X  
- No need to

7.5

X  
X X  
X X X X  
write a no ther

X  
X X  
X X X X  
note cause there would

X  
X X  
X X X X  
be no - date

X  
X X  
X X X X  
- The tea cher

7.6

X  
X X  
X X X X  
looked - at me

X  
X X  
X X X X  
- and I said

X  
X X  
X X X X  
- - I -

X  
X X  
X X X X  
know - - It's

7.7

X  
X X  
X X X X  
off - to the

X  
X X  
X X X X  
prin ci pal's of

X  
X X  
X X X X  
- fice I -

X  
X X  
X X X X  
go - - -

7.8