

“For the Authors, from the Editors”

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Refrain:

**Write, authors, please write;
editors won't give you a fight.
We'll preserve your voice,
we'll give you all the choice—
if the style guide says it's all right**

Verse 1:

Oh give us your words
flying freely, like birds,
where the nouns and the verbs all agree.
And if they don't match,
we will edit the batch
and the prose will be better, you'll see.

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Verse 2:

Punctuation is fine
at the end of a line
and after most units Imperial.
Put a colon right here,
and a period there,
and sometimes the comma so serial.

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Verse 3:

Yes, we do charge some money
(no, we're not being funny).
But our rates are really quite fair.
We work hard, and we think!
And our printers need ink.
And we have to upgrade our software.

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