

# Hal Strikes Out

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When Hal was twelve years old  
wanting to become a man brave and bold  
he went to play baseball in the field  
but when there it was revealed  
as hard as he tried he couldn't hit that ball  
and right there in public he began to bawl.

When he told his daddy, sternly Dad said  
Hal was a sissy and sent him to bed  
where Hal sobbed and sobbed in shame  
cursing that horrible baseball game  
and determined then and there  
he'd find something he'd do with flair.

And from that moment on  
he worked hard until he had won  
a speech-making contest.  
He was finally the best  
at something he could do well  
and rose from that shameful baseball hell.

But he'd never lose that inner doubt  
and knew deep down he'd finally strike out  
and would never meet the measure  
or give his daddy the pleasure  
of being proud of his son  
and what he'd done.

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