I Could Write A Book

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A-B-C-D-E-G I never learned to spell At least not well.

1-2-3-4-5-6-7I never learned to count A great amount.

But my busy mind is burning To use what learning I've got.

I won't waste any time, I'll strike while the iron is hot.

If they asked me, I could write a book About the way you walk and whisper and look.

I could write a preface on how we met So the world would never forget.

And the simple secret of the plot Is just to tell them that I love you a lot.

Then the world discovers as my book ends How to make two lovers a friend.

Use to hate to go to school I never cracked a book; I played the hook.

Never answered any mail; To write I used to think was wasting ink.

It was never my endeavor To be too clever and smart.

Now I suddenly feel A longing to write in my heart.

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