

## PRONUNCIATION RHYME 2

I take it you already know  
Of **tough** and **bough** and **cough** and **dough**?  
Others may stumble, but not you  
On **hiccough**, **thorough**, **laugh** and **through**?  
Well done! And now you wish **perhaps**  
To learn of less familiar **traps**?

Beware of **heard**, a dreadful word  
That looks like **beard** and sounds like **bird**;  
And **dead**: it's said like **bed**, not **bead** —  
For goodness sake don't call it '**deed**'.  
Watch out for **meat** and **great** and **threat**.  
They rhyme with **suite** and **straight** and **debt**.

A **moth** is not a **moth** in **mother**,  
nor **both** in **bother**, **broth** in **brother**,  
And here is not a **match** for **there**  
Nor **dear** and **fear** for **bear** and **pear**,  
And then there's **dose** and **rose** and **lose** —  
Just look them up — and **goose** and **choose**.

And **cord** and **work** and **card** and **ward**,  
And **font** and **front** and **word** and **sword**,  
And **do** and **go** and **thwart** and **cart** —  
Come come, I've hardly made a **start**!

A dreadful language? Why, man alive!  
I'd learned to talk it when I was five.  
And yet to write it, the more I tried,  
I hadn't learned it at fifty-five.