

Big Sister's Tips for Starting School

Begin as you want to keep going—
which means, little sister, have fun
pretending you know what you're doing.

Use pencils for chewing and rubbers for throwing
at new friends, and don't miss anyone!
Begin as you want to keep going.

At break-time, the milk's for shampooing
your hair, but give *me* your iced bun,
just till you know what you're doing.

Cartwheel till your knickers are showing
and your shoes fly off, buckles undone.
Begin as you want to keep going.

Lunchtime is too short for queuing,
so fetch me a tray—but don't run.
Pretend that you know what you're doing.

Don't let your fear of not knowing
scare you into holding your tongue.
Say what you want, then keep going
pretending you've said nothing wrong...