

## *A Word*

### *No Free Cheers*

*SUPERFLUOUS alliteration,  
Alliterative anarchy,  
Paves the way to obfuscation.  
Whatever can its purpose be?*

*Which foolish fellow found for free  
And brought it into use?  
If someone cared, he ought to be  
Arraigned for word abuse.*

*With off of meaning off, and outside of for outside,  
We're putting little O words hand-in-glove.  
Alliterative nonsense means we show persistent pride  
In murdering the tongue we ought to love.*

*For free is far too frequent, and I don't know why it's here.  
Alliterative anarchy holds sway.  
The extra word and syllable don't help to make it clear:  
Superfluity of for still means it's free.*

*And free itself becomes a word undoubtedly de trop  
In catalogues with ignorance on show.  
We're offered a "free gift" and quite clearly it's absurd:  
A gift is rarely paid for – don't they know?*

*And free that means release is now beset with problems, too.  
With free up now the way of meaning free.  
The little up's departure is quite clearly overdue –  
Surely those mistreating free should see?*

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