No 'R' In Bath

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A humorous observation at the accent in the south of England. No offence intended to those born and bred south of the Watford Gap! Merely the rantings of an exiled northerner!!

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Thereâ s no R in bath and no matter how hard I try,

I simply canâ t comply with your phonetic lie.

Thereâ s no R in last

And thereâ s no R in blast,

Iâ m finding it hard and I just canâ t get passed

That it isnâ t the Queenâ s English to alter these words

With an extra little R that sounds so absurd.

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Thereâ s no R in shaft and thereâ s no R in fast,

If there was I could say that your talking out of your arse!

Staff is another along with raft, laugh and daft,

And donâ t get me started on path and giraffe.

Yet mass, gas and maths would be one R too far,

But mask, flask and cast simply leave me aghast,

You leave me no choice but to take you to task.

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Your Uâ s become Aâ s and your OOâ s become Uâ s,

So luck becomes lack and look becomes luck.

Your Râ s become Wâ s, Good Mawning you bid me,

And try as you might you just canâ t forgive me

For flattening my vowels and saying what I see,

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My accent authentic, but do I really sound twee?

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Thereâ s no R in plant and thereâ s no R in chant,

Yet your imaginary friend isnâ t present in ants.

Elephant escapes too along with wants and harassed,

But with slant, vast and asked you have really surpassed

Your dialectal need to baffle and intrigue me

With your verbal modulation that both humours and irritates me.

Your statements become questions

As you babble your inflections

And Iâ m left to despair to do nothing but laugh

At myself as I continue with my life daarn saarf!!

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