

## CORPORAL PUNISHMENT

Old Edward James was a tyrant  
A proper "old school" Head  
His gimlet eye was everywhere  
His pupils filled with dread

Old Edward James had "Bessie"  
An evil looking cane  
It thwacked the pupils' upturned palms  
Time and time again

Every minor misdemeanor  
Was treated just the same  
We dodged the flying rubbers thrown  
And endured the thwacking cane

No talking in the corridors  
No fidgeting, fighting, fuss  
No crying as the welts appeared  
'cos no-one likes a Wuss

And so, this was the status quo  
The Head did not relent  
It was his school, therefore his rule  
Of Corporal Punishment

But the "times they were a changin'"  
Old Edward lost his kicks  
Corporal Punishment in State Schools  
Banned in '86

This didn't change in private schools  
Till 1999  
They endured 13 more years  
Of adult caning crime

Conclusively it ended  
The UK saw the light  
School kids no longer fear the cane  
A basic Human Right.