

Jonah's Goof

The Lord sent a servant whose preaching was fervent
to Nineveh's city to say,
"Your sins are so glaring you'd best be preparing,
'cause judgment is coming your way."
"I'm not going to do it, that's all there is to it,"
the prophet exclaimed with a wail;
But God was offended so Jonah's flight ended
somewhere in the guts of a whale.

Then Jonah consented although he resented
the thing that the prophets all knew--
If people repented God often relented
on what he had threatened to do.
And so Jonah pouted, but if he had touted
the grace of the Lord all along,
He wouldn't have been humbled so much that he stumbled
when what he predicted was wrong.

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