



**Harmony Tree International Speech Festival (HTISF)**  
2024-2025 Set Pieces for Asia Division

**Verse Speaking**  
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**Choice A**

## **At the Zoo**

*by William Makepeace Thackeray*

First I saw the white bear, then I saw the black;  
Then I saw the camel with a hump upon his back;  
Then I saw the grey wolf, with mutton in his maw;  
Then I saw the wombat waddle in the straw;  
Then I saw the elephant a-waving of his trunk;  
Then I saw the monkeys-mercy, how unpleasantly they smelt!

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## **When God Gave Out Noses**

*by Anonymous*

When God gave out noses  
I thought He said 'Roses'  
So I asked for a big red one.

When He handed out legs  
I thought He said 'Eggs'  
So I asked for two, hard-boiled.

When He gave out looks  
I thought He said 'Books'  
So I said I didn't want any.

When He gave out brains  
I thought He said 'Trains'  
And so I missed mine.