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The World's Most Intelligent Chicken

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The world's most intelligent chicken,
As well as the world's wisest duck,
Were challenged to take an IQ test---
They agreed with a quack and a cluck,

For fowl that were rated so highly,
Their knowledge turned out to be small.
In fact, it was quickly apparent They knew nearly nothing at all.

They thought that an ibis had petals,
They thought that an iris had wings.
They thought that potatoes grew feathers,
They thought that a cantaloupe sings.

They thought that a floor needed windows, That apples grew under the sea, That clocks always
ran counterclockwise, And eight minus seven was three.

They struggled with every last question
On science, math, music, and art.
You'd never suspect, from their answers, That they were supposed to be smart.

They filled in the blanks incorrectly,
Their two little brains remained stuck...
A chicken is only a chicken, A duck is no more than a duck.