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Confusion

A timed exercise

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Sold to the lady in the sunglasses
and green shoes
Come to the rostrum by the loos
Bring the cash in your blue bag
Do you by chance have a jag?

I'm sure I saw you with my Uncle Joe
He has given us a lot of woe
"Now, now, don't get cheeky
I'm prone to becoming rather weepy

Let me give you a word of advice
I wouldn't have you at any price."
Madam you must exercise decorum
There are enough here to form a quorum

Last week we barred a lady in red
Causing her husband to take to his bed
Now here is the object for which you did bid

Wrap it up carefully and mind the lid

You must ensure that you read the instructions
The previous owner caused a lot of ructions
Feed it every twenty four hours
Otherwise it will tend to lose its powers

It loves to move to a vigorous tango
And nourish it often with a mango
“I’ll love and cherish it like my green shoes
Please assure me that it regularly poos.”

Of course it does, I feed it fruit
Or else I would have given it the boot
Lot number 9 is now on display
Do you want it by the way?