

# Perform a Poem

Poem to perform

## **The Cancan**

When I dance  
my blood runs like a river can,  
my feet fly like the birds can,  
my heart beats like a drum can.  
Because when I dance I can,  
can do anything  
when I dance.

Flying over rooftops  
I see my town below me  
where everybody knows me,  
where all my problems throw me,  
where heavy feet can slow me.  
But nobody can, can stop me  
when I dance.

My blood runs a race.  
My feet fly in space.  
My heart beats the pace.  
Because when I dance I can,  
can do anything  
when I dance.

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