

The Chaos : Text & IPA Translation

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| Dearest creature in creation, | 'diərəst 'kri:tʃə ɪn kri:'eɪʃən |
| Studying English pronunciation. | 'stʌdiɪŋ 'ɪŋɡlɪʃ prəʊnʌnsi:'eɪʃən |
| I will teach you in my verse, | aɪ wɪl ti:tʃ ju: ɪn maɪ vɜ:s |
| Sounds like corpse, corps, horse and worse. | səʊndz laɪk kɔ:ps kɔə hɔ:s ənd wɜ:s |
| I will keep you, Susy, busy, | ɪt wɪl ki:p ju: 'su:zi, 'bɪzi |
| Make your head with heat grow dizzy. | meɪk jɔ: hɛd wɪð hi:t grəʊ 'dɪzi |
| Tear in eye, your dress you'll tear, | tɪə ɪn aɪ jɔ: drɛs ju:l tɪə |
| Queer, fair seer, hear my prayer. | kwɪə fɛə 'si:ə hɪə maɪ preə |
| Pray, console your loving poet, | preɪ kɒn'səʊl jɔ: 'lʌvɪŋ 'pəʊt |
| Make my coat look new, dear, sew it. | meɪk maɪ kəʊt lʊk nju: diə səʊ ɪt |
| Just compare heart, hear and heard, | dʒʌst kəm'preə hɑ:t hɪə ənd hɜ:d |
| Dies and diet, lord and word, | daɪz ənd 'daɪət lɔ:d ənd wɜ:d |
| Sword and sward, retain and Britain, | sɔ:d ənd swɔ:d rɪ'teɪn ənd 'brɪtɪn |
| (Mind the latter how it's written). | maɪnd ðə 'lætə haʊ ɪts 'rɪtɪn |
| Made has not the sound of bade, | meɪd həz nɒt ðə saʊnd ɒv bæd |
| Say-said, pay-paid, laid but plaid. | seɪ sɛd peɪ peɪd leɪd bʌt plæd |
| Now I surely will not plague you, | naʊ aɪ 'ʃʊəli wɪl nɒt pleɪg ju: |
| With such words as vague and ague. | wɪð sʌtʃ wɜ:dz əz veɪg ənd 'eɪgju: |
| But be careful how you speak. | bʌt bi: 'keəfəl haʊ ju: spi:k |
| Say: gush, bush, steak, streak, break, bleak, | seɪ ɡʌʃ bʊʃ steɪk stri:k breɪk bli:k |
| Previous, precious, fuchsia, via, | 'pri:vɪəs 'preʃəs 'fju:ʃə 'viə |
| Recipe, pipe, studding-sail, choir, | 'resɪpi paɪp 'stʌnsəl 'kwaɪə |
| Woven, oven, how and low, | 'wəʊvən 'ʌvən haʊ ənd ləʊ |
| Script, receipt, shoe, poem, toe. | skrɪpt rɪ'si:t ju: 'pəʊɪm təʊ |