

**Speech and Drama**  
**11 years**  
**Test Recital**

**The Man On The Flying Trapeze**  
**By Jack Prelutsky**

**Sporting and capering high in the breeze,  
cavorting about from trapeze to trapeze  
is an aerial acrobat, slim as a ribbon,  
as daring and free as a tree-swinging gibbon.**

**He hangs by his fingers, his toes and his knees,  
he dangles and dips with astonishing ease  
then springs into space as though racing on wings,  
gliding between his precarious swings.**

**He cheerfully executes perilous plunges.  
dangerous dives, unforgettable lunges,  
delicate swoops, and spectacular swoops  
breathtaking triple flips, hazardous loops.**

**Then this midair magician with nerves made of steel  
somersaults, catches and hangs by one heel.  
As the audience roars for the king of trapezes  
he takes out his handkerchief, waves it ..... and sneezes.**

**Balances above us, the high wire king  
skips with a swivel, a sway and a swing.  
He dances,he prances, he leaps through the air,  
then hangs by his teeth while he's combing his hair.  
He seems to not notice the perilous height  
as he stands on his left hand and waves with his right.**