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By Jan Lynne

Narrow Nelly, tall and thin, Couldn’t see beyond her chin;
Her mouth she used for breathing out But never breathing in.

Her vision was the worst I’ve seen;
On colors She was not too keen.
She could see both black and white But nothing in between.

Her ears she lost, I have
I have heard tell;
From lack of use right off they fell!
Her nose she used for turning up At views not parallel.

Her conversations were all one way;
On any subject she had much to say —
Music, Art, Psychiatry —
She played the expert night and day.

She drove away her next of kin —
They couldn’t stand the constant din;
And so poor Nelly, tall and thin,
Got herself boxed in.

UNTHINKABLE... UNQUESTIONABLE...
HELP! ABSOLUTELY...
IMPOSSIBLE... CERTAINLY ALWAYS...

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