Ode to Our Biology Lab

We meet every Friday afternoon
In that bright and cheerful room.
All is hustle and bustle there
Where never a care does smite the air.
And Bernie is talking.

The work starts out so dull and drab Midst atmosphere of frog and crab.

And George is there to watch us stare Into our microscopes so fair.

And Bernie is talking.

Our blushing maiden Beth is there With Mansell forever in her hair. She is blushing because of Ralphie boy Whose jokes are constant source of joy. And Bernie is talking.

Full quiet is our cheerful room,
When comes a sudden snorting boom;
It is only Allan, our student hoax
Who has finally caught on to Ralphie's
jokes.

And Bernie is talking.

A shricking scream fit to raise the dead Has been artfully issued by Bill Whitehead. He will now for half an hour mope For he banged his nose on his microscope And Bernie is talking.

Now sneaking upon unsuspecting prey Is our timid, bashful but cunning Ray. His prey is our blushing maiden Beth. He has a frog to scare her to death. And Bernie is talking.

From out of his peaceful studious lair Comes Jim to cut Jean Matheson's hair. But Doctor Ledingham with shining pate Is contemplating brave Jimmy's fate.

And Bernie is talking.

Doctor Ledingham retires in deep disgust For the "Boys" are singing with lungs fit to bust.

And through the door in unsteady crawl Comes an engineer seeking wood alcohol. And Bernie is talking.

In this bright cheerful room quiet reigns, 'Cause the only ones left are the ambitious brains.

The bell goes off
And so do we,
Leaving Bernie talking.

Ray Forseth.
Jim Gerlitz.

At college we had a biology club, sponsored by one of the professors, a dignified spinster. A farmer whose place was noted for its wide variety of flowers spoke at one of our meetings. More at home in his garden than on the rostrum, he made a brave start: "I can assure you that it is a pleasure for one to be with you today. I have known your teacher for a good many years, and during that time we have been intimate . . ."

There was a slight titter, and he hurriedly continued: "That is, in a biological way, of course!"

A young college student remarked to his date, "That's 'Pink Lightning' lipstick you're wearing, isn't it?"

Flattered that he should notice the color of her lipstick, the girl replied, "Why, yes, but how did you know?"

"Oh," he quipped, "I've been struck by it before."