

The programme was read over,
 He wished all to be fair,
 And in selecting talent
 Had exercised much care.
 There he made a great mistake,
 For each lady laid a claim
 To singing powers she possessed
 That soon would win her fame.

Johanna Trill was thunderstruck,
 For her name had been missed,
 When she had cherished up the thought
 That she would head the list.
 She asked the leader to explain,
 And a good reason quote
 Why she'd been passed for other folks
 Who ne'er could sing a note.

Then Bella Scraggs, without delay,
 Josiah took in hand,
 For as an elocutionist
 She claimed to lead the land.
 Why was she missed she'd like to know,
 Was it an oversight,
 For she had meant to outshine all
 Upon that concert night.

Now, Josiah Ball was quite upset
 And tried hard to explain
 The reasons for his actions,
 No use, 'twas all in vain.