“Making Do” (With What You Have)
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If you want to make progress without wasting your time
Make a list of expressions that do tend to rhyme
It won't make much difference if you make a mistake
Just make an announcement: "I've made biscuits and cake!"

Make a trip to some country to meet people like us
Make an effort to smile, and don't make a fuss
Say you love making plans, appointments and such
Making breakfast or dinner doesn't bother you much

And if the words that you hear don't make any sense
Make an effort to answer and do not feel tense
Make lists of exceptions; give your partner a test,
Inventing "Review Sheets" is what you like best

But if you made a bet about what could be right
You'd not make a fortune; I'd pity your plight*
'Cause the rules, they were made a long time ago
So make peace with this language wherever you go

Postscript
They're doing a show; they're making such noise
It must be my neighbors, those young college boys
So I'll make a stop here, since it's late in the night
You'll have to do better and keep up the fight*!

Vocabulary:
make do: do the best you can with what you have; plight: destiny
fight (here): the battle or struggle to speak English better and better

Assignment:
Learn this poem by heart and be able to recite it to your partner.