

SOUND ADVICE

When you give a talk or speech,
Move lips boldly, without fear!
Put your words in people's reach,
Loud enough for any ear!

When you use you mouth to teach,
Treat your vowels very dear—
Tuck them tightly, I beseech,
In crisp consonants and clear.

And if called to stand and preach,
Don't just talk to those who're near.
If your sermon's meant for each,
Speak so the back pews can hear!

— *David L. Hatton, 6/12/2015*