



## Punctuation Ditty

A full stop (.) is a must.  
Followed by a CAPITAL LETTER.  
Then , please ask some questions.  
What? Where? Why?  
They will make your writing better.  
Don't get too excited!  
I hear you all exclaim!  
You forgot to put your commas in,  
So start it all again!

A comma is a special part,  
That makes your sentence longer,  
Put extra details in-between,  
Your writing will be stronger.  
Now if you do all these things,  
I'm sure you'll be surprised!  
Because your punctuation will  
please the reader's eyes.

## Punctuation Ditty Explained

The previous page is a Punctuation song which could be said as a poem. I just put a tune which seemed to naturally match. If you have a musical member of staff I am sure they will be happy to help.

There is a pause in the first line where the (.) bracketed full stop is  
The 'What? Where? Why?' is punched out (a little like a rap) and is outside the tune.

The poem/song features the Full Stop, Capital Letters, Question Mark, Exclamation Mark and Commas. It has features of beyond these in its writing.

It was written for my year four class, who having met some punctuation beyond these, started to forget the basics.

My colleagues having heard it are also starting to use it lower down the school. It is more of a reminder/revision tool, than a teaching one.

It has proved to be useful as an aide memoir.