

## Turn Left

Not long ago, while going to school,  
Children learned about the golden rule.  
And things didn't always go as planned,  
For a child who wrote using their left-hand.

Many a teacher considered it bad.  
What a time these poor little children had!  
Made to write with their left-hand tied,  
Hands were spanked until they cried.

But worse than this, in a darker time,  
Some burned at the stake for their left-hand crime.  
So glad for the spanking, not having to burn,  
Left-handed students tried hard to learn.

Then in high school, the desks were new.  
Left-handed students had to write askew.  
And what about books, bound on the left side,  
And ink from our paper where our hands would slide?

Our left-hand smeared with a permanent stain,  
And right-handed scissors, what a pain!  
Science has said we're in our 'right' mind.  
But many others don't support this find.

The number of 'lefties' is one-in-ten,  
Well known for the funny way we hold our pen.  
Some famous people bear left-handed traits.  
McCartney, and Oprah, and even Bill Gates!

Left-handed people are no different than you,  
There are just some things we've adapted to.  
This little poem isn't meant to be grand,  
Just thoughts we 'lefties' can understand.