

Hands that Talk

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**Have you ever watched Sign Language
When you switch on your TV?
Signed by those who wish to help folk
Who cannot hear but only see.**

**Their Hands move with such Expertise
Their supple fingers too
Enabling the Hard of Hearing
Follow a programme through.**

**Have you ever seen two Deaf people
Deep in conversation
Their hands and fingers move so fast
It's such a fascination.
Some years ago I learned to Sign
It gave me so much pleasure
My teacher was my neighbour
And she really was a teasure**

**Eventually I moved house
So my lessons had to stop
And lack of Practice meant
That what I'd learnt I soon forgot.**

**Deaf children learn to lip-read
In our schools to-day
Could it be that Sign Language
Might one day die away?**