

## Bye Bye Babel

A student from London had the ambition  
To be on the European Commission.  
"I've got plenty of talents  
To put on the balance  
And I'm multilingual in addition!"

There was a lovely student from Roma  
Who always had a beautiful aroma.  
But the interviewer didn't care  
What she sprayed on her hair.  
Of more interest was her language  
diploma!

There is a pop group called U2.  
Who when they were relatively new  
Drove the girls crazy  
With 'Achtung Baby!'  
The only German they knew!

There was a student from Cologne  
Who liked to travel alone.  
He had great thrills  
with his language skills  
And he always felt at home!

There was a student from France  
Who was always hunting romance.  
With his language prowess  
He would try to impress.  
So as to have a far better chance!

There was a student from Spain  
Who used to drive the lads insane.  
But more than her looks  
Or her knowledge of books  
It was her English that gained her fame!

There was a student from Warsaw  
Whose favorite subject was law.  
He spoke legalese  
And English with such ease  
That he had us all in awe!

There was a student from Louvain  
Who found studying grammar a pain!  
So she'd go out for a walk  
To try some small talk  
And progress was made just the same!

There was a student from Galway  
Who always had something to say.  
With tourists around  
Opportunities he found  
To keep conversing all day!

To learn a language don't be shy.  
It's really worthwhile to give it a try.  
I'm sure you will be able.  
It's not the tower of Babel.  
And, you'll always end up on a high!

Shane O'Grady