

## William Finn "Marvin's Giddy Seizures"

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MARVIN:

One, two. One, two, three. One, two, three, four.

Marvin is boy who has giddy seizures,

He's laughing all the time.

Marvin is boy who has giddy seizures,

Sometimes they're fatal.

When he turns upside down like a ladle pouring soup

He's a veritable fool.

Marvin is my very best friend in school.

It's me and Marvin.

Lately I've been thinking maybe Marvin needs attention

Of a private sort.

Maybe this whole seizure thing is something he

invented,

Or is it medicinal: should his mother be blamed?

ALL:

Marvin has a something which most everybody needs;

He cannot ever be embarrassed.

MARVIN:

Marvin is my very best friend in school.

And I'm embarrassed and ashamed. Oh.

LADIES (all at once):

Marvin! What are you doing?

Who do you think you are, Marvin?

What's Marvin doing?

MARVIN:

Pardon me boys and girls, but I'm having a seizure.

LADIES:

Oh, Marvin. Hey, Marvin.

MARVIN:

Yes I'm having a seizure today, hey, hey,

Watch me laugh.

LADIES:

Marvin's giddy seizures.

MARVIN:

Watch me cry.

LADIES:

Marvin's giddy seizures.

MARVIN:

I am counting on your prayers to get me by.

LADIES:

Marvin's giddy seizures.

MARVIN:

Well my arms disappear and my legs disappear and  
my knees disappear and my  
shoulders disappear

When Marvin throws the best fit of the year.

ALL:

Marvin's giddy seizures: Marvin needs love.

He needs love. He needs love.

He needs love. Ooooooh.

MARVIN:

Marvin holds his breath, his face is under water

But that's not a seizure.

Marvin talks of death, he imitates a slaughter

But that's not a seizure.

Then he begins to shriek like a virgin,

And his eyes turn an ordinary fizz--

(Nothing's exactly like I say it is)--

But hey, that's a seizure!

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What's Marvin doing?

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LADIES:

Oh, Marvin. Hey, Marvin.

MARVIN:

Yes, I'm having a seizure today, hey, hey, hey, hey,  
hey.

Watch me laugh.

LADIES:

Marvin's giddy seizures.

MARVIN:

Watch me cry.

LADIES:

Marvin's giddy seizures.

MARVIN:

I am counting on your prayers to get me by.

LADIES:

Marvin's giddy seizures.

Arms.

MARVIN:

Disappear!

LADIES:

Legs.

MARVIN:

Disappear!

LADIES:

Groin.

MARVIN:

Disappears!

LADIES:

Knees.

MARVIN:

Disappear

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