

## **Tom T. Hall**

# **"Ramona's Revenge"**

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Ramona lived just down the hill from us  
She kept the house, her mother drove the bus  
(An old yellow school bus)  
Ramona had a handicap, the neighborhood knew well  
Ramona couldn't speak or couldn't spell  
(And that left Ramona at a considerable disadvantage)  
(Among the more fluent)

Although she couldn't write or couldn't talk  
Ramona really had a pretty walk  
(A four letter figure)  
Because she couldn't write or speak nobody asked her  
out  
But 'Bad-Eye' Thompson hung around the house  
(He was what you'd call a familiar figure in the  
neighborhood)

Well, I guess their handicaps were common ground  
'Cause 'Bad-Eye' Thompson always hung around  
He could squint that eye and spit tobacco thirty feet  
Ramona always grinned and stomped her feet  
(Because to Ramona this was one of the finer things in  
life)

One day Ramona found herself with child  
She couldn't speak, her mom was going wild  
Confusion reigned for half a day as one could  
understand  
The county judge came down to lend a hand  
(And I think it should be noted in the interest of justice)  
(That the judge was acting in a strictly unofficial  
capacity)

The neighbors gathered 'round Ramona's porch  
The judge said, "Understand, this is not a court"  
Ramona squealed as all the breathless neighbors  
gathered 'round  
Then closed one eye and spat upon the ground  
(And it's a familiar old phrase that)  
"Birds Of A Feather Will Flock Together" and justice will  
be done

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