



The White Queen's Poem



First, the fish must be caught.
That is easy: a baby, I think, could have caught it.
Next, the fish must be bought.
That is easy: a penny, I think, would have bought it.

Now cook me the fish!
That is easy and will not take more than a minute.
Let it lie in a dish!
That is easy because it already is in it.

Bring it here! Let me sup!
It is easy to set such a dish on the table.
Take the dish-cover up!
Ah, that is so hard that I fear I'm unable!

For it holds it like glue ~
Holds the lid to the dish, while it lies in the middle:
Which is easiest to do,
Un-dish-cover the fish, or dishcover the riddle?

