

Shine Bright 5^e

Flash File Poems about me

Tell Me, p.52

Tell me I'm clever,

Tell me I'm kind,

Tell me I'm talented,

Tell me I'm cute,

Tell me I'm sensitive,

Graceful and wise¹

Tell me I'm perfect—

But tell me the *truth*².

Shel SILVERSTEIN, *Where the Sidewalk Ends*, 1974.

¹ *sage*

² *la vérité*

AI Mirror On the Wall, p.53

AI¹ mirror on the wall,
show me what I'd look like² tall.
Dress me in a suit and hat.
Make my face look like a cat.

Change my skin to turn it blue.
Add a beard and mustache too.
Make me young. Now make me old.
Place me on a pile of gold.

Show me what I'd look like blonde,
with a cape and magic wand.
Make my hair short. Make it long.
Make my muscles big and strong.

Thank you, AI. That was fun.
But for now, I think we're done.
Turn off AI on the wall.
Normal me is best of all.

Kenn NESBITT, 2025.

¹ artificial intelligence

² *à quoi je ressemblerais si j'étais*