

## If I Were In Charge Of The World - Poem by Judith Viorst

If I were in charge of the world  
I'd cancel oatmeal,  
Monday mornings,  
Allergy shots, and also Sara Steinberg.

If I were in charge of the world  
There'd be brighter nights lights,  
Healthier hamsters, and  
Basketball baskets forty eight inches lower.

If I were in charge of the world  
You wouldn't have lonely.  
You wouldn't have clean.  
You wouldn't have bedtimes.  
Or "Don't punch your sister."  
You wouldn't even have sisters.

If I were in charge of the world  
A chocolate sundae with whipped cream and nuts would be a vegetable  
All 007 movies would be G,  
And a person who sometimes forgot to brush,  
And sometimes forgot to flush,  
Would still be allowed to be  
In charge of the world.