

Who am I?

I was born on May 7, 1946,
in Harrow,
Middlesex, England.

I started writing poetry
when I was a teenager. I
had my first poem
published when I was just
eighteen years old.

I worked at the BBC and
wrote scripts for children's
shows. One was
called *Sam on Boff's
Island*, which helped
young children learn to
read.

My first children's
book, *Mind Your Own
Business* (1974), was a
collection of poems. It
included drawings by
Quentin Blake.

I don't just write poems. I also
write picture books.

I have written some
famous poems like 'No
Breathing In Class' and
'Chocolate Cake'.



Both of my parents
were teachers.

I began to read and
write poetry at a young
age.

I was also part of an
acting club, where I
learned how to act and
direct plays.

I enjoy performing my
poetry.

Fun fact: I wear size twelve
shoes.