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The Ballad of Georgie Buttons

When Georgie Buttons was the age of three,
He found every mistake in the dictionary.
“Hippopotamus,” he said, “has three P’s not four,
Despite learning to read just two years before.

When Georgie Buttons was five years old,
He bested the top chess player in the world.
The Grandmaster, quite shocked, asked how he’d won,
And Georgie laughed and sang, “By having fun!”

Three years later, when he was eight,
Georgie Buttons played the violin real great.
This year he composed a symphony,
And performed it in seven nearby countries.

After some time, when he was thirteen,
He painted a portrait for the queen.
It captured her beautifully, yes, she was delighted,
And on the spot, Sir Georgie Buttons was Knighted.

When he turns eighteen, he has so much potential,
College, career, and the future’s essential.
Everybody’s asking, where will he go?
What does this genius’s bright future hold?

But Georgie doesn’t know, he doesn’t have a clue!
He isn’t prepared to think all of this through.
As he’s trying to decide, it happened just for kicks:
Georgie got addicted to watching Netflix!

TV shows, movies, documentaries galore,
He could watch every day and never get bored.
His parents were horrified, his teachers were too,
But Georgie had a watchlist he had to get through.

While deadlines flew by, he binged Fuller House,
He missed early action to try out Big Mouth,
Daredevil, House of Cards, Cheer, Bridgerton,
Georgie took a gap year, to his parent’s chagrin.

One year became two, then three, and then four,
All that he wanted was to watch, and watch more.
Georgie stayed home binging all of his shows,
And he never left town to go out on his own.

So let this be a warning to all of you teens,

Be cautious and wary when it comes to your screens,
Georgie Buttons may have ended up an American Vandal,
But for you, college doesn't have to be Too Hot To Handle.