

I Know!

"Would you like an ice cream?"

I asked Nellie my friend.

"But it will have to be vanilla,
The chocolate's at an end."

"I know," said Nellie, in that voice

That could get up my nose.

"How do you know it's all gone?"

"Chocolate's always the one that goes."

As I handed her the cone I said,

"Careful, it's about to burst!"

"I know," said Nellie in that voice,

"I checked the cone out first!"

"Outside's the place for ice cream cones."

Again she said, "I know.

I remember from your birthday

That's where we had to go."

We climbed up on the trampoline

Eating ice creams in the sun.

"I love licking and jumping,"

I said. "I know," said Nellie, "it's fun."

"There's something I think you may not know."

"I know everything," said Nellie.

"So you don't need me to tell you

There's a tarantula on your belly?"

Up in the air Nellie flew,
She landed on the hoe.
"Careful Nellie, the hoe is sharp."
"I know, I know, I know!"

I visited Nellie yesterday,
I took a bar of caramello.
"I can't eat anything yet," she said.
"Oh I know, poor Nellie, I know!"

I wrote this poem a few years ago when I had a 12 year old student who was driving her Mother mad by always saying "I know!" This gave me the inspiration to write it especially for her. She performed it a drama competition where she did well, and the audience gave it the biggest laugh of the day.

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