

## How to dress a two year old

Practice by stuffing jello into pants.  
Angry jello.

speaking very quickly without breathing  
until you begin to see planets  
spinning like  
coins pirouetting  
silver flashes of  
light  
and  
balance

Write a blog post against the hegemonic practices of the fully-dressed elite.

Threaten wildly and unpredictably:

**Deliver Mr. Potato Head's Ear in an envelope**

Froth at the mouth.

Be still.  
Hold your words in the palm of your hand,  
like birdseed. Let her small bones alight  
on you with the hesitant uplift of almost-flight.  
Make your hand the earthen weight of gravity.

Promise monkeys.

Slice your words into  
The. Anger. Of. Pauses.

Quote random passages of Kafka.  
It will buy you time.

Forbid her to wear clothes. Dress the dog in her favourite shirt.

Petition city hall to have the by-law officer enforce all non-nudity legislation.

Issa said:

Children imitating cormorants  
are even more wonderful  
than cormorants.

Here she is, a cormorant, gleaming by the window's lake-light, shirt closing tight as a snare around her throat.