

# Ah, You're Funny. Good Thing

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I was talking to this famous female artist  
at the reception, (as if I knew anything,)  
“If you want to be taken as a serious artist now,  
you have to have one long serious eyebrow.”

There was no reaction. So, I said:  
“Also, you should know you can't get rich on poetry.  
I for one should know.” Again, nothing.

But then I added, “So, when I first came into the gallery,  
I saw an old guy wearing a jester cap with bells  
bearing the word: *Grumpy*.”

“So?”

“ I just wondered who he had to push over  
to get that hat?  
I'm just saying. I have friends who are wiser.  
Or who know better. Okay, I don't have friends.  
But I'm just saying.”

And that was when she said,  
“Ah, you're funny. Good thing.”

