

# The Stuffy Poet

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Getting up and reading his poem

The stuffy poet sitting back down  
On the leather couch, which creaks under his weight  
After adjusting his narrow tie from the 1980's

The stuffy poet clearing his throat, twice,  
During an enemy's reading  
The stuffy poet accepting his prize  
The stuffy poet clean-shaven  
After many years with a full beard

The stuffy poet playing baseball  
That's right, baseball  
Let's see, ahem, what's next?  
Oh, yes, the stuffy poet getting paid  
By the academy of Equally Stuffy Poets  
The ESP

