

# The Comedian

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He sits in the front of the classroom,  
making faces behind the teacher's back,  
sitting near her desk,  
like a dunce cap,  
red.

But there is no embarrassment,  
and marked ugly forever,  
he wiggles "Fuck you",  
mouthing the words and  
the children laugh,  
before the teacher turns back.

