

3 LANGUAGE LEARNERS:

A Comparative Linguistic Etymology

I

I no understand new words berry gud
so prease help me speek like reel person.

I want to talk bout many things
but ability is week.

Also, most of natives talk to fast.
It's a big headack . . . yeah.

II

Now confidense is growing,
though sometimes feel weak.

There are more things
with this language I can do.

Most speakers make good scents,
but others just move their lips –
ach, these ears itch!

III

At first my grasp was tentative,
but now it feels strong.

I've learned to wield language
as a versatile tool
and express ideas in varied forms.
However, there are limits to what
language itself can do
and moments when the best thing
is let the tongue be mute . . .

- T Newfields

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