

**Lake Macquarie Speech & Drama Eisteddfod  
10 Years and Under Championship  
I'm Wrestling with an Octopus  
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I'm wrestling with an octopus  
and faring less than well,  
one peek at my predicament  
should be enough to tell.  
It held me in a hammerlock,  
Then swept me off my feet,  
I'm getting the impression that I simply can't compete.

I'd hoped that I could hold my own,  
But after just a while,  
I ascertained I couldn't match  
An octopus's style.  
It flipped me by a shoulder,  
And it latched onto a hip,  
Essentially that octopus  
Has got me in his grip.

I tried assorted armlocks,  
But invariably missed,  
And now I'm in a headlock,  
And it's clinging to my wrist.  
It's wound around my ankles,  
And it's wrapped around my chest –  
When grappling with an octopus,  
I come out second best.