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I'm Sarny and they be thinking I'm dumb and maybe  
up to witchin' and got a stuck tongue because when I  
birthed they say I come out wrong, come out all  
backwards and *came* twixt-and-twinst. (14)

Highlight non-standard grammar with yellow.  
Highlight non-standard vocabulary with blue.

...they be thinking because I don't make noise and go to twattering all the time that I be dumb. (15)

gossip

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I'm Sarny and the other part of my name **be the same**  
as old Waller who wants to be master but is nothing.  
Nothing. **I don't back part of my name** no more than I  
count old Waller himself. **No** more than I count spit.  
(15)

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Waller puts great store in the sticks and watches them like an old hawk watching the chicken pens. (16)

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It **isn't for certain** how old I am except for the sticks....  
By the stick I am **going into the same year** as all the  
fingers on both hands, fold them down, then hold up  
the thumbs. (16-17)

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The house women are fond of leaving the window open and talking all their business right there. (17)

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I thinks of all the things I have learned that day and then I tries to add them to the things I learned the day before that. I've been doing that as long as I can remember, since I was almost just walking, and I remember all the parts of my life. If there is time of an evening and I haven't been worked to the bone I can just lay there in the dark and think on all my time and remember it. (18)

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