

they think

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 **twixt-and-twinst**. (14)

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

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

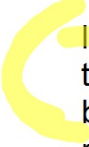
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It isn't for certain how old I am except for the sticks....
By the stick I am going into the same year as all the
fingers on both hands, fold them down, then hold up
the thumbs. (16-17)

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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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