
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)

gossip
talking silliness

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

acknowledge

value

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values

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)

I'm twelve.

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

discussing private matters

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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)

If I have time

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