

Talk about surprises.

This surely was a gem
I cannot really say how much
Worth - just a feeble gem.
When some one said - a package
Was sure to "as not" for me
Until I saw the address
As plain as plain could be.

I worked with shaking fingers
To get the string untied

^{So} ~~And~~ finally got the scissors
And opened it up wide

^{But} ~~And~~ when I saw the contents
Imagine my delight:

(Something I've always wanted
But couldn't reach it - quite -)

I took it from its wrappings

Its beauty I could see

I really felt like crying

It's far too nice for me.

~~And~~ when I come to use it

On my life's giddy stage

~~I don't~~ ^{I don't} proclaim its beauty

But "keep and act my age".