

Gulls

No work, and I spend long days
fishing from the wharf.

Sometimes I don't replace my bait for hours –
there's no hurry, I only need two fish each day.

Up in the village they say I'm a queer bird,
sometimes a shag keeps me company
and I read the best lines out loud.

There's no point in reading to gulls,
they've always got business on their minds
so save your breath.