

Children's Rhyme

Here is a rhyme children used 200 years ago to learn their letters. Give it a try!

A is in always, but not in ever;
It is in part, but not in sever.
B is in bind; but not in tie;
It is in bawl, but not in cry.
C is in certain, but not in sure;
It is in clean, but not in pure.
D is in din, but not in coy;
It is in lads but not in boys.
E is in evil, but not in bad;
It is in grieved, but not in sad.
F is in fountain, but not in spring;
It is in fetch, but not in bring.
G is in gladness, but not in joy;
It is in plaything, but not in toy.
H is in hue, but not in tinged;
It is in scorch, but not in singe.
I is in incense, but not in enrage;
It is in wise, but not in sage.
J is in juicy, but not in sappy;
It is in joyous, but not in happy.
K is in keep, but not in retain;
It is in killed, but not in slain.
L is in lance, but not in spear;
It is in lake, but not in mere.

M is in meet, but not in fit;
It is in wisdom, but not in wit.
N is in naughty, but not in bad;
It is in maniac, but not in mad.
O is in odor, but not in scent;
It is in bowed, but not in bent.
P is in prophet, but not in seer;
It is in precious, but not in dear.
Q is in quiver, but not in shake;
It is in quench, but not in slake.
R is in rapine, but not in pillage;
It is in culture, but not in tillage.
S is in sewer, but not in drain;
It is in suffering, but not in pain.
T is in twelve, but not in dozen;
It is in cheat, but not in cozen.
U is in utter, but not in speak;
It is in summit, but not in peak.
V is in view, but not in scene;
It is in verdant, but not in green.
W is in wed, but not in marry;
It is in wait, but not in tarry.
Y is in yawn, but not in gape;
It is in monkey, but not in ape.
Z is in zebra, but not in horse;
It is in furze, but not in gorse.