If I Were in Charge of the World

If I were in charge of the world
I’d cancel oatmeal,
Monday mornings,
Allergy shots, and also Sara Steinberg.

If I were in charge of the world
There’d be brighter night lights,
Healthier hamsters, and
Basketball baskets forty-eight inches lower.

If I were in charge of the world
You wouldn’t have lonely.
You wouldn’t have clean.
You wouldn’t have bedtimes.
Or, “Don’t punch your sister.”
You wouldn’t even have sisters.

If I were in charge of the world
A chocolate sundae with whipped cream and
nuts would be a vegetable.
All 007 movies would be G.
And a person who sometimes forgot to brush,
And sometimes forgot to flush,
Would still be allowed to be
In charge of the world.

By Judith Viorst
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If I were in charge of the world,
I’d cancel ____________________________________________________________.
I’d cancel ____________________________________________________________.
I’d even cancel ________________________________________________________.

If I were in charge of the world,
There would be ________________________________________________________.
There would be ________________________________________________________.
There would even be ____________________________________________________.

If I were in charge of the world
You wouldn’t have ______________________________________________________.
You wouldn’t have ______________________________________________________.
You wouldn’t have ______________________________________________________.
Or, “________________________________________.”
You wouldn’t even have ____________________________________________________.

If I were in charge of the world
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And a person who __________________________________________,
And sometimes __________________________________________,
Would still be allowed to be
In charge of the world.

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