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He's not blind,
he's not deaf.
His proctologist didn't call
and neither did his village.
He's not pregnant,
his head isn't stuffed anywhere,
and no,
he's not being paid by the other team.
He's just a boy,
two years older than your son,
who wears a black and white striped shirt
and loves this game so much
he's willing to put up with you.

ABOUT THE POET



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