The Moon

If we can put a man on the moon,
surely we can figure this out.

If the man puts out the moon,
we can surely put that man-figure out.

The moon can-cans on. Man insures.
We put out this figure: If.

Put a figure on the can. We can out this,
we can moon-man on. Surely.

Out can the moon. Put a sure man.
If we can, we figure this, we out it.

The moon, the moon. Can a man
be sure? Can we? Out, out.

This man is a figure. The moon
is a can. We put on the Surely Can. We out.

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