

Lessons Learned

She asked me
to "pop" her balloon
so she could see it expand again.
But I'd tied it off
with a permanent knot
and I knew what would be
the consequence.
So I asked
if she was sure
and she assured me she was
so I took it to hand
and began.
Now she's standing in tears
roused by the fear
that the object is lost
forever.

—Michael Pracht