

Sesame Street, Ernie And Bert And The Binoculars

Ernie: (quietly) Bum-bum, bum-bum, bum-bum, mmmmmmm.

(Ernie slips behind the chair and Bert looks over his shoulder too late. Ernie comes up at the top of

Ernie: Bum-bum, bum, bum, BA-BUUM!

Bert: Oh, Ernie. (Bert goes back to his reading but Ernie continues staring at him through the binoc

Ernie: Friend watching, Bert.

Bert: What?

Ernie: (takes binoculars away from face) You're my best friend, I'm watching you, Bert. (puts binoc

Bert: Why, pray tell, are you watching *me*, Ernie?

Ernie: (takes binoculars away) Oh, because I'm so happy that you're you and that you're the nicest

Bert: That's very touching, Ernie, but isn't there something else you could watch maybe, huh?

Ernie: Oh, sure, Bert, I could watch birds or buses ...

Bert: Good.

Ernie: ... or TV ...

Bert: Good, why don't you? 'Cause I'm trying to read this book, see?

Ernie: Oh, because, Bert, watching my best friend is much, much better.

Bert: Uh huh, I see. (goes back to his book and tries to ignore Ernie but finally) AAAAAA! Ernie, I ca

Ernie: (takes his binoculars from face) Oh, oh, Bert, I didn't want to drive my old buddy bananas, I'l

Bert: (puts up with this for about 30 seconds before exploding) AAAAAA! Ernie, will you stop it?! TH

Ernie: Gee, Bert, you mean you're not enjoying having a friend just sort of stand here and think how

Bert: Well, no, Ernie, I'm sorry but, see, when someone is staring at me all I can do is think about *

Ernie: Gee, I don't understand, Bert.

Bert: AAAA! I'll show you, here, take the book. (Ernie hesitates) Take it, take it, take it, take it, take

Ernie: Okay, Bert.

Bert: Sit down, sit down. (Ernie sits) Now, now *you* try and read, go ahead. (starts staring at Ernie

Ernie: (starts to read the pigeon book) Hmmm, okay ... Oh, gee ... (Bert looks at the camera, his ey

(Poor Bert rests his head against the back of the chair and lets out a heavy sigh as Ernie continues