Tom Lehrer, Silent E

Who can turn a can into a cane? Who can turn a pan into a pane? It's not too hard to see It's Silent E

Who can turn a cub into a cube? Who can turn a tub into a tube? It's elementary For Silent E

He took a pin and turned it into pine He took a twin and turned him into twine

Who can turn a cap into a cape? Who can turn a tap into a tape? A little glob becomes a globe instantly If you just add Silent E

He turned a dam - Alikazam! - into a dame But my friend Sam stayed just the same

Who can turn a man into a mane?
Who can turn a van into a vane?
A little hug becomes huge instantly
Don't add W, don't add X, and don't add Y or Z,
Just add Silent E