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When Tillie Ate the Chili

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When Tille ate the chili,
she erupted from her seat,
she gulped a quart of water,
and fled screaming down the street,
5 she coughed, she wheezed, she sputtered,
she ran totally amok,
she set a new world record
as she raced around the block.

Tillie's mouth was full of fire,
10 Tillie's eyes were red with tears,
she was smoking from her nostrils,
she was steaming from her ears,
she cooled off an hour later,
showing perfect self-control
15 as she said, "What tasty chili,
I should like another bowl."

