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The first time I took it up
The demi said to me:
"There's one metal more in group 3."

The second time I took it up
The demi said to me:
"Chloride isn't there,
And there's one metal more in group 3."

The third time I took it up
The demi said to me:
"Iron's there in traces
Chloride isn't there,
And there's one metal more in group 3."

The fourth time I took it up
The demi said to me:
"Who said manganese?
Iron's there in traces
Chloride isn't there,
And there's one metal more in group 3."

(5) No Fluoride
(6) Have you tried a flame test?
(7) Try another mixture
(8) What was that explosion?
(9) Go and take up physics! (stop here)

Note: From Oxford University. Subject: Qualitative Analysis. A demi is a lab. instructor.
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