Supermarket Slalom* by Paul Bright

*a slalom is a race where skiers race downhill, swerving between poles



On your marks, get trolley. Go! List in one hand, starting slow Veg for Sunday, lunch for eight Throw it in, accelerate! Salad stuff, a bit of fruit Concentrate, don't lose the route! Box of rice, curly pasta Really cruising, moving faster Take the turn, the castors squeal Grab the instant curry meal! Missed an aisle, 5 penalties Go back for the frozen peas Two old ladies stand and natter Can't slow down, the grannies scatter! Pressure's on, no time to slack At the check-out rush to pack Bags full, sprinting out the door Crowd goes crazy, hear them roar New world record! What a star! Give the champ a chocolate bar!

