

Adolescent: Who?  
MP: Charles Dickens.  
Adolescent: Is he English?  
MP: No, he was Yugoslavian.

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## The Librarian's Dilemma



Halfway up the stairs  
is the stair where I sit.  
It isn't very pleasant  
but I have no choice about it.  
I'm only the Librarian  
— I'm not upon the Faculty  
The Admin doesn't want me  
so I don't know who I am.

So:

Halfway up the stairs  
is the stair where I sit  
I go there and I sit  
and I ponder what it means  
And I think that I will sit here  
until somebody wants me...

For: Halfway up the stairs  
isn't up and isn't down  
It isn't in the library  
and it isn't in the grounds.  
So all sorts of funny thoughts  
keep running through my head:  
It isn't really anywhere  
It's somewhere else instead!

— Peter Mendham (apologies to AAMilne)