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**To the Young Lady in a
Tight Black dress, Lace Stockings,
and Heels the First Day of Classes**

Sister Cinderella with your
tight black dress, long
gold hair and dark
sunglasses,

all us mice and pumpkins watched you
come in with your
blue notebook and
dark blue looks.

The Prince stopped his opening speech;
he was sure he'd
seen you before
in a dream.

He had a shoe in his closet
that you'd surely
fit if he'd
push a bit.

All he needed was a sleaze of a
young messenger
to ask you to
please see him.

Your sisters taught you all that you
needed to know
with their sharp broomsticks
and mop-tops.

Sister Cinderella, I'm sure
you'll have a ball
with your tight black
dress and prince.

But if by chance you're stranded, come join
us pumpkins here.
We're orange and we're
happy and we'll be
bigger next year.