

If I Don't Eat My Vegetables

If I don't eat my vegetables,

Like broccoli and peas,

My mother says I'll start to grow

Potatoes on my knees.

My toes will turn to cantaloupes,

My ears will fill with salt,

My nose will fill with pepper,

And it all will be my fault.

If I don't eat my vegetables,

My mother has no doubt

I'll lose my belly button,

And my teeth will soon fall out.

I also have to finish them

To prove I love her cooking.

And so I eat my vegetables –

But only when she's looking.

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