

# THE PE-PLANT-IMALS

A person is a person is a person  
 A plant is a plant is a plant  
 An animal is an animal is an animal  
 It can't be any other way; just can't.  
 Of course not, of course not, of course not  
 But there is one exception to the rule  
 There are these creatures called **PE-PLANT-IMALS**  
 They're mega; they're wacky; they're cool!

Peplantimals live in Peplantimal land  
 Where People grow **petals** and **Cabbages** grow hands  
 And Kittens can talk as well as miaow  
 And **Carrots** grow furry tails – though don't ask me how!  
 I've been there; I love it – if you went you'd see  
**Turnips** with curly hair; a huge feather **Tree**.  
**Strawberry** Puppies; Rabbits that read  
 Birds who wear glasses and funny Children-Seeds  
 You can plant them in **flowerpots** and put them to bed  
 And after a week they all grow **seed-heads**!  
 And after another week they'll grow some wee **shoots**  
 But they'll never grow legs – they only grow **roots**.  
 You can talk to the **Rhubarb** – his tongue's in his **stalk**  
 You can take the Cows by the hands for a walk.  
 You can play with the **Beans** – they run very fast  
 Or just sit and watch all the **Apples** fly past  
 You can taste a bite of the Grandfather **Plum**  
 He won't mind at all – he'll grow another one  
 The **Tomatoes** all bark as soon as they're red  
 That's a sure sign that they're ripe-in-the-head.  
 Some **Flowers** go bald and others go scaly  
 And swim around the garden three times daily  
 The Foxes wear gloves to keep their hands warm  
 And Aunties have fins, instead of arms  
 The Roses have noses and ears and eyes  
 And some Fathers have prickly **thorns** in their sides.  
 Some Mice have computers, some People have tails  
 All Fish wear perfume and paint their long nails.  
 You really should go there  
 – though . . . maybe you shouldn't . . .

Peplantimals live in  
 a world of their own  
 Perhaps it's as well  
 that we leave them alone  
 For, can you imagine... !  
 What would we do  
 If Peplantimals came back  
 and lived here  
 – with you?

