

Apple Pie

Oh, apple pie I love you,
I love your crunchy crust;
And if my mum would let me,
I'd eat you till I bust.

John Cunliffe



Extract from **Soggy Greens**
The Puffin Book of Fantastic First Poems

Ode to an Olive



Oh Olive,
You are as precious to me as any gem,
With your beautiful, pure skin as smooth as silk
And as green as the grass in summertime.
I love your taste and the smell of your tender fruit
Which hides beneath your green armour.
Olive, sweet, tasty Olive,
How I love you so and my mealtimes wouldn't be the same
If you weren't in my life.
Oh Olive,
Nothing can compare to you, nothing at all,
You are food of the gods, a king's riches
And, most importantly, you are mine, oh Olive!

Poet Unknown

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Ode to a Chestnut on the Ground

From bristly foliage
you fell
complete, polished wood, gleaming mahogany,
as perfect
as a violin newly
born of the treetops,

that falling
offers its sealed-in gifts,
the hidden sweetness
that grew in secret
amid birds and leaves,
a model of form,
kin to wood and flour,
an oval instrument
that holds within it
intact delight, an edible rose.

In the heights you abandoned
the sea-urchin burr
that parted its spines
in the light of the chestnut tree;
through that slit
you glimpsed the world,
birds
bursting with syllables,
starry
dew
below,
the heads of boys
and girls,
grasses stirring restlessly,
smoke rising, rising.

Pablo Neruda



An extract from **Ode to a Chestnut**

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Reflection Prompts

How can you tell they are **odes**?

Who or what are the odes **about**?
Are they written *to* the subject?
How can you tell?

Which ode is your **favourite**?
Why you have chosen it?

What **poetry features** can you find in the odes?
Rhythm, rhyme, repetition, alliteration, simile, metaphor, onomatopoeia, hyperbole - What impact do they have?

Which words and phrases **stand out** when you read them? Can you say why?
Annotate the poem so you will remember the words you have chosen.