

My Mini Book of

Mother Earth's Children

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Watermelon's dress of green
 Trimmed in rose pink you all have seen;
 She has such pleasant smiling ways,
 We welcome her on summer days.



Asparagus in early spring
 Came up to hear the robins sing;
 When she peeped out her dress was white;
 It turned green in the sunshine bright.



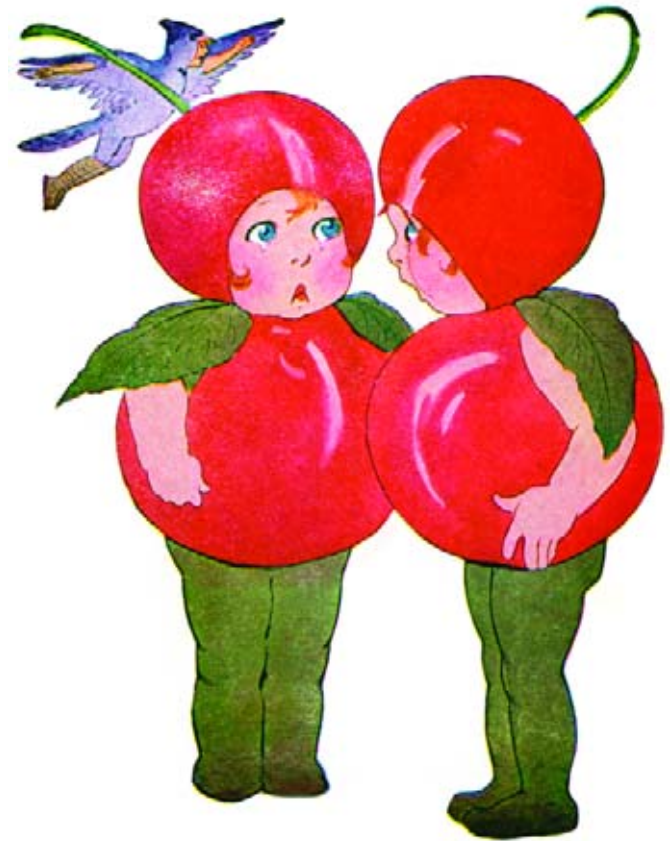
Said Rutabaga Turnip: “Wow!
I just escaped that hungry cow;
I jumped behind a great big tree
Or she’d have surely eaten me!”



Said Spinach: “In my dress of green
I’m just as happy as a queen.
I’m truly glad that I am good
For little babies’ early food.”



The Blueberry children love to run
 Around the hillsides in the sun;
 Smiling and jolly, plump and sweet,
 Best-natured youngsters one could meet.



“Cherries are ripe,” said Old Blue Jay
 As he flew by one August day;
 “Why, he means us,” the Cherries cried,
 “Perhaps we’d better go inside.”



The String Beans love to climb a pole,
 And so their clothes are seldom whole.
 Mother Bean said: "I'll mend the tatters;
 While they are happy, nothing matters!"



Red Pepper said a biting word
 Which Miss Green Pepper overheard;
 Said she: "Hot words you can't recall;
 Better not say such things at all."



Little Wild Strawberry came down
 To visit with her folks in town;
 She's a sweet child with charming ways,
 And blushes modestly at praise.



The pretty little ladies Rice
 You'll always turn to look at twice;
 They came from India long ago,
 And now they're everywhere you go.



The Green Pea children went to sail
 On the Sauce Pan ocean in a gale;
 "This boat's a shell," they cried; "Dear me!
 We might capsize in this deep sea."



The Blackberry children love to run
 And play beneath the August sun
 Until each little maid and man
 Takes on a friendly coat of tan.

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Said Garlic: “My home used to be
 In far-off, sunny Sicily;
 But people here think I’m a blessing,
 I make such splendid salad dressing.”