

Poison-Tester
By Shel Silverstein

I'm poison-tester-taster Tru.
I'm here to taste your food for you,
'Cause you could die in half a minute
If there's one drop of *poison* in it.
That lemonade to quench your thirst?
You'd better let me taste it first.
Mmm – it's OK, but these boysenberries –
I'll make sure they're not *poisonberries*.
Mmm – no, they're safe, but that burger might
Be deadly – mmm – no, it's all right.
And now I'll test your hot fudge sundae;
Let's hope I'm not dead by Monday.
Mmm – it seems OK, but the poison could be
Isn't the very last bite, so leave it for me.
Mmmm – well, it's all safe and my job is through.
See how I risked my life for you?