

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?