

## Plump Yumberries

Look at the lovely smudge of a girl  
Furtively pocketing blackberries in the park  
I always feel like I'm stealing them  
She says, grinning by the hedge  
Her cheeks stained with fruit  
Her fingers all blue and violet  
Her pockets stuffed with purple baubles  
Juicy treasure, growing wild and free  
Shiny berries, plump and sweet  
They're so beautiful aren't they?  
She says to herself  
Holding one up in wonder  
Counting the colours  
Giving them names  
Velvetberry  
Purpleberry  
Jamberry  
Yumberry  
Plumberry



As she pops them one by one  
Into her big blackberry mouth  
She'll be late for school  
She'll be in for it later  
But she's always in for it  
Later

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