Pink-petalled, Purple-podded, Parching Peas

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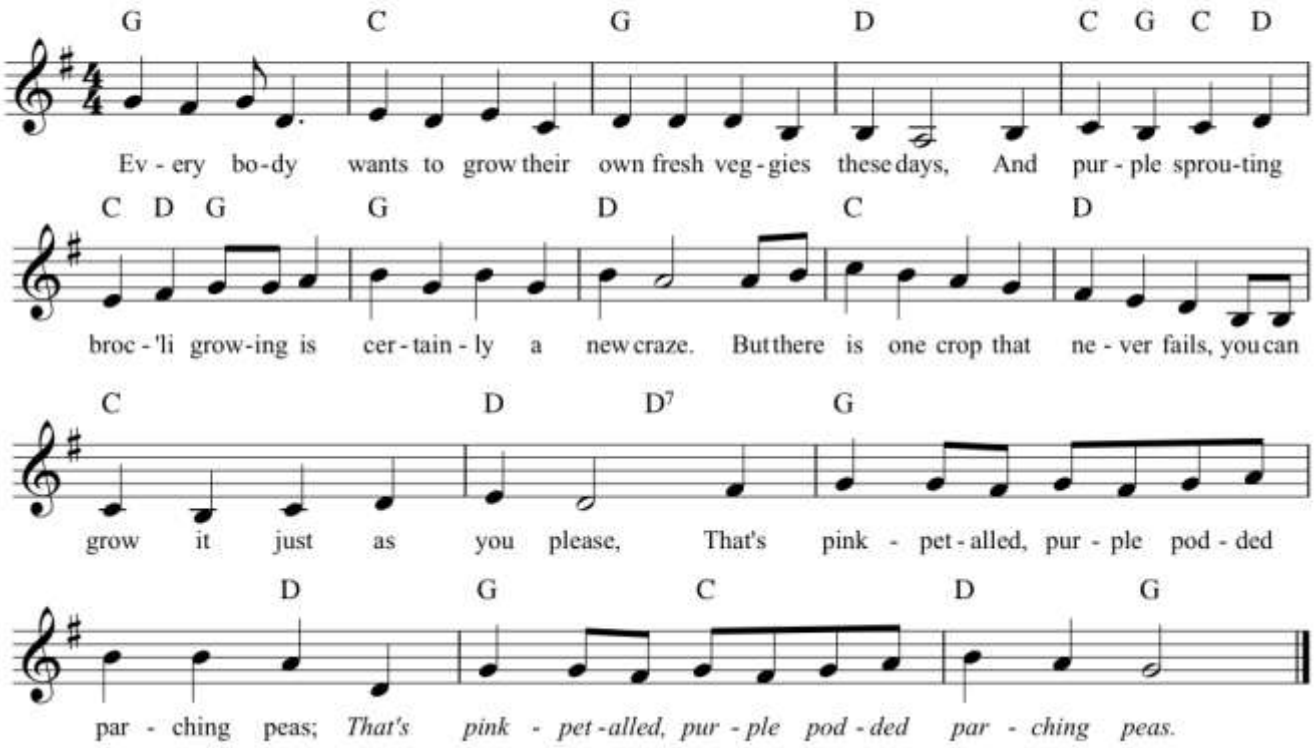

Everybody wants to grow their own fresh veggies these days,
And purple sprouting broccoli growing is certainly a new craze.
But there is one crop that never fails, you can grow it just as you please -
That's pink-petalled, purple-podded, parching peas;
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You rent your plot and start to dig in a straight line to Australia
Until you find your back is feeling stiff and most peculiar.
So cease your labours there and then, rest your head upon your sore knees,
Then put in pink-petalled, purple-podded, parching peas;
That's pink-petalled, purple-podded, parching peas.

The other crops you choose to plant are doomed to wilt and wither,
As white and black flies gather round, and slugs unto them slither.
But a crop that's quite impervious to weevils and to small fleas,
Is pink-petalled, purple-podded, parching peas;
That's pink-petalled, purple-podded, parching peas.

To stop Mother Nature in her tracks, you must resort to poisons,
But then the veggies that you grow are like those from William Morrison's.
So put away the chemicals - they make you splutter and sneeze -
Trust in pink-petalled, purple-podded, parching peas;
That's pink-petalled, purple-podded, parching peas.

But what are these plants of which I speak, of which you have no knowledge?
You've probably never heard of them, although you've been to college.
In Lancashire they eat them boiled with fish, with meat and hard cheese,
They're pink-petalled, purple-podded, parching peas;
That's pink-petalled, purple-podded, parching peas.

Of course, I'm thinking black peas here, sometimes known as carlins.
Pigeons rather fancy them, but they are eschewed by starlings.
If you eat these peas you'll finish up as strong as Hercules,
Rely on pink-petalled, purple-podded, parching peas;
That's pink-petalled, purple-podded, parching peas.

Pisum sativum *var.* ***arvense***

Black Peas - the reality!

Please see ***The Black Pea Man*** *for full explanation!*