

# Sprout and the Bean

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I slept all day  
I woke with distaste  
And I railed  
And I raved  
That the difference between  
The sprout and the bean  
It is a golden ring  
It is a twisted string  
And you can ask the counselor  
And you can ask the king  
And I'll say the same thing  
And it's a funny thing  
Should we go outside  
Should we go outside  
Should we break some bread  
Are you interested  
And as I said  
I slept as though dead  
Dreaming seamless dreams  
Of lead  
When you go away  
I am big-boned and fey  
In the dust of the day  
In the dirt of the day  
And Danger! Danger!  
Drawing near them was a white coat  
And Danger! Danger!  
Drawing near them was a broad boat  
And the water! Water!  
Running clear beneath a white throat  
And the hollow chatter of the talking of the Tadpoles  
Who know the outside  
Should we go outside  
Should we break some bread  
Are you interested

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