

Environmental Ensemble

People ask me what I want to be when I grow up, but I don't know because I'm only seven and right now I'm a cucumber squash because that's what my teacher, Miss Penrose, said I would be in this musical show we're putting on in a few minutes for our parents and everybody, and we're supposed to say poems we rememberized and sing songs about how valuable fruits and vegetables and animals are so we've got to be careful with chemicals like my friend Jack who's DDT, but I don't know if we're going to be able to do our show because I don't see any of the pigs, and we already lost a gourd when Rolie the pumpkin fell off the stage, and a few minutes ago the Joyner twins, two prunes, called to say they couldn't make it, which is why I'm worried if we wait any longer--but look, the curtain just went up and everyone is clapping, and Miss Penrose, who's so pretty even though she's a rutabaga, is on stage saying how important the environment is and how she hopes the audience will learn from our show, which makes me feel proud so you know what--I think I know what I want to be when I grow up--someone who helps to save the world, like Miss Penrose, or Mary Beth the cow, or Toby the whale, or maybe a squash like me.