

## *Of Food*

### *Hot Cross Bun – 1*

THE wonders of the world of cooking  
Please both palate and the eye:  
Oft impressive, sometimes fun;  
Fashioned when the guests aren't looking,  
Demand delight and awe — so why  
Should I extol the hot cross bun?

Yet milk and water, eggs and flour,  
Butter, salt, mixed peel and spice,  
Grated nutmeg, currants, yeast  
And cinnamon proclaim, “*Devour!*”  
And who will argue? Mute advice  
Has paved the way for toasted feast.

Beneath the grill, a simple pleasure  
Teases nostrils with its scent.  
Butter spreading's soon begun,  
Softening the crisp-browned treasure  
Whose life is all too quickly spent  
Because it's just a hot cross bun.

### *Hot Cross Bun – 2*

Cinnamon, mixed in a trice  
With currants, milk, water, eggs, spice,  
Salt, butter, flour, peel  
And yeast, makes a meal  
Which is called hot cross bun – and it's nice!

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