

A Fruit's Life Rhyme

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The fruit we get from plants
all start as flowers.
Big or small, short or tall,
all have attracting power.

Flowers attract a visit
from a bird, bug or bee.
They buzz around from flower to flower
all for a nectar fee.

A flower's job is to make a seed
to grow a baby plant.
Without help, it won't do that job;
by itself, the flower just can't.

The pollen from the flower
must be carried to a mother.
It takes a bug to move it there,
or a bird, wind or others.

When the pollen gets to the pistil
it can become a brand-new seed.
How can the seed find a place to grow?
it becomes animal feed!

Seeds can grow a thick coat—
bright colors, reds and blues.
The color covering those little seeds
is yummy, juicy fruit.

The fruit can be eaten
or just fall to the ground.
Either way it ends up in the soil,
to the new home it's found.

Then it sprouts to become a new plant
and grows a new flower.
Could be big or small, short or tall,
but will have attracting power.