

## **Brooke-Lynne Farm Beaumont, Essex**

At the farm shop where I go  
They sell fantastic things they grow

And can amaze with what they know  
Of tilling Soil and tending Trees  
Of when to cut when best to leave  
And on the arts of keeping Bees

And then as well if bake and boil  
To peel off skin or wrap in foil  
Try some of this  
And all of that from friendly chat  
With people who dig what they sell

Come and see the little Rabbits  
Pet or pot it's yours to choose  
Here to meet your fellow Creatures  
Way more direct than distant zoos

Day on day on layered hay  
Pigs root and grow fatter  
Fed on veg they have the edge  
Here where piggy things do matter  
Month in month out on year on year

A feast of goods assembled here  
Seasonal means season in  
For spree on Sprouting Broccoli  
Strawberry with languid scent  
Are what for Summer's day are meant

Duck eggs or Goose can be bought loose  
Pick Chicken's from the freerange trayful  
There's racks of Spuds  
Asparagus buds Golly Cauliflowers  
Jams and Pickles in towers  
In a barn made of Wood  
That is cared for and repaired

And looks really really good

Not a supermarket Packet  
Plastic bars and Cars and queues  
Not a case of musak racket  
More a place of Baas and Moos

**Mark Shepard 1999**