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## PLANTS THAT BITE BACK

(music and lyrics by Joseph Shimel)

(Chorus)

C    G    D                    G  
In the park, we have some plants  
C                    G                    D                    G  
They don't just sit there, they're plants that do what      "BITE BACK"  
D        G            C        G            D  
Carnivorous is the word we use to describe them

(Verses)

G            C                    G            C  
We have a plant called the Venus Flytrap  
G            C                    G            C  
Its leaves can close just like you can clap  
D            C                    D            C  
When an insect hits two trigger hairs  
D            C                    G            D  
That trap just closes up like it doesn't even care

We have a plant called the Bladderwort  
It has a trap of the balloon sort  
It's the fastest plant in the whole earth  
It sucks its prey in, a whole traps worth

We have a plant, called the Sundew  
When a bug gets on it then he is through  
He gets his legs stuck in all that sticky goo  
That's on the end of the hairs of the Sundew

We have another called the pitcher plant  
Don't ask it to close its trap because it can't  
The trap's a tube with downward pointing hairs  
The bug can't hold on, its like falling down stairs

We have a plant called the Butterwort  
It has a smelly trap of a different sort  
The bug gets stuck, it's taken its toll  
That's when the leaf turns into a dinner bowl

## WHAT IS

(music and lyrics by Joseph Shimel)

(Intro)

C            F                    G    F        C  
I have an animal that stuck on my mind  
C            F                    G F    C  
What do you think it could be this time

(Verse)

C    F                    G    F        C  
It's a mammal that has a big tail  
C            F                    G        F        C  
He builds dams and mounds that smell  
C        F                                  G    F            C  
He goes swimmin' around with webbed feet  
C        F                                  G                  F            G  
He has big teeth that he needs to eat, What is

(Chorus)

C F C F

Yes it's the "BEAVER", you got it right

C F C F G

Yes it's the \_\_\_\_\_, alright, alright, alright

F G F G

Now I have another that's on my mind

(use last time) Now this is the end of the song, which makes me really sad

F G F G C

What do you think it could be this time

(use last time) But this is the best group that I have ever had

This one is smaller, the mammal of the state

He has a bushy tail and he gets up really late

He is a rodent that hides a lot of nuts

Then climbs high in trees and then says shucks, What is "SQUIRREL"

This one's a mammal that walks on the ground

People hunt for them, so they try not to make a sound

They have hooves for feet and antlers on their head

That fall off every year, yes that is what I said, What is "DEER"

This one's a mammal with rings around his tail

He likes to wash his food so the better it will smell

He comes out at night to look through all the trash

He has around his eyes what some would call a mask, What is "RACOON"

This one's a marsupial which means she has a pouch

She has a lot of teeth so you better watch out

With both her thumbs, she can do many things

With a prehensile tail, she could swing, What is "OPPOSSUM"

## SNAKES

(music and lyrics by Joseph Shimel)

G D C G  
We learned about snakes and what they can eat  
G D C D  
What color their skin is and how they move without feet  
C D G C  
We learned how snakes slither and where they have been  
C D G  
How most of them are long and thin

G D C G  
Snakes, Snakes, Oh . Snakes  
G D C D G  
Snakes, Snakes, Oh . . . Snakes

Some of them eat lizards, some of them eat frogs  
Some of them eat worms that they find under a log  
Some of them eat other snakes as long as their not kin  
And most of them are long and thin

Some of them are brown, some of them are black  
Some of them have stripes up and down their long back  
The colors of the rainbow can be on their skin  
And most of them are long and thin

Snakes don't have feet yet they still move around  
They push and pull their muscles right over the ground  
Some of them can climb a tree and go out on a limb  
And most of them are long and thin

## **OH YEAH WE LIKE BATS**

(music and lyrics by Joseph Shimel)

AD

Let me tell you a story 'bout bats

AD

They are not just little flying rats

AD

They eat insects and fly real neat

AD

They pollinate plants that people can eat

D

G A D

Oh yeah we like bats

Oh yeah we like bats

Oh yeah we like bats

Bats can see and they fly real well

Even though they use sound to tell

Bats the only mammals that fly

At night they dart through the sky

Bats drink blood, is that true

We know its just a very few

We know the myths that people say

We learned the facts about bats today

## RANGER IN THE PARK

(music and lyrics by Joseph Shimel)

C G D  
I'm a ranger in the park

C D  
I'm a what? A ranger!

C D  
A what? A ranger!

C D G  
I'm a ranger in the park.

C G C G  
If somebody does what they shouldn't do, and it is bad enough

C G D G  
I can't say no or write a ticket, I might just put on the cuffs

POLICE MAN

If somebody's fire gets out of hand, or we start one here too  
We put on our gear and stay in the woods, till all the fire is through

FIRE MAN

People come out to learn about, the animals and the trees  
I teach them while we hike around, so nature they can see

TEACHER

I study all the things of nature, I look through a microscope  
To learn how to care for it, that is what I hope

SCIENTIST

Thousands of people come to the park, each and every day  
Some of them leave their trash behind, and that is why I'm here

JANITOR

If somebody falls and breaks a leg, or has a heart attack  
I have some medical training, and supplies in my pack

MEDIC

There are some hazard trees, some dead trees hanging around  
I start up the chainsaw, and put them on the ground

LUMBER JACK

You put all these together, each and every part  
That is what I do each day, here at the park

RANGER

## FROGS

(music and lyrics by Joseph Shimel)

D       C               G       C  
I am a creature that hops all day  
D               C               G       C  
Here in the park is where I like to stay  
D       C               G       C  
I hop around and to my friends I say  
G               C               D       C               G  
Hop didily hop didily hop, hop, hop (2X)               Oh, yeah

There's my babies oh in those eggs  
Underwater is where they stay  
It takes a while before they grow legs  
Eggs didily eggs didily eggs, eggs, eggs (2X)

When they hatch they don't make a sound  
With their tails they swim around  
They grow leg buds it makes me proud  
Buds didily buds didily buds, buds, buds (2X)

Their tail gets shorter and they grow feet  
All these changes are oh so neat  
They keep growing until their complete  
Grow didily grow didily grow, grow, grow (2X)

Out of the water on day they come  
Breathing air with both their lungs  
They're mature they're no longer young  
Breathe didily breathe didily breathe, breathe, breathe (2X)

As they sit there on the log  
They see a bug as it comes along  
They catch it and they sing this song  
Yum didily yum didily yum, yum, yum (2X)



## OH, DEER

(music and lyrics by Joseph Shimel)

C G  
A deer is a mammal oh what does that mean  
Am C  
They walk in the woods and are rarely seen  
C G  
They're covered in fur from their head to their legs  
Am C  
They have live babies, they don't lay eggs  
C G  
Drinking milk is what their babies do  
F G C  
To fatten them up before they can chew Oh, deer  
C G GC  
Let me hear you say deer (deer) (2X)

Buck, doe and fawn are words you will hear  
To describe all kinds of white tailed deer  
The doe is the momma who gets up at dawn  
To walk the spotted baby who is the fawn  
The antlers on the buck say he's a male  
But when they fall off, it's hard to tell

Antlers are on bucks which are male deer  
They fall off their head each and every year  
They grow them in summer and by spring they're gone  
They have several points and are made of bone  
They're covered in velvet as they start to grow  
The bucks fight with antlers to get a doe

I wonder what it is that deer have to eat  
to keep healthy strong and up on their feet  
Herbivores are what people call them  
Because all they eat are plants and their stems  
Grass, leaves and twigs here in the park  
I've heard of them eating flowers in a yard

## MOSQUITOES LOVE ME

(lyrics by Joseph Shimel, music of "Jesus Loves Me")

C  
Mosquitoes love me, this I know  
F C  
Because they bite me, head to toe  
C  
They fly around and land on me  
F C G C  
I try to slap them before they feed

C F  
Yes mosquitoes love me  
C G  
Yes mosquitoes love me  
C F  
Yes mosquitoes love me  
C G C  
These red bumps tell me so

## WATER SAFETY WITH THE BEVERLY HILLBILLIES

(lyrics by Joseph Shimel, music of “The Beverly Hillbillies”)

G D  
Oh the first thing you know oh Jed's out of air  
G  
He stepped into water just over his hair  
C  
He didn't take a buddy and he didn't tell a soul  
D G  
That he was going to his favorite swimmin' hole  
Trouble that is Deep water Call for help

So Jed took a breath and he hollered real hard  
His son Jethro was out in the yard  
He heard the cry for help and he ran real fast  
To get to old Jed before he passed  
Run that is Real fast To get to Jed

When he got to the hole oh what did he see  
But old Jed strugglin' under water indeed  
He found a stick that looked real long  
To reach out to Jed so he could hold on  
Reach that is Real far That's what you do

He took the stick and reached real far  
But it wasn't long enough to get to his pa  
He found two jugs that could hold some air  
And tied them together and threw them as a pair  
Throw that is Real far That's what you do

He swung his arm and threw the jugs at Jed  
But he threw 'em hard right over his head  
He saw an old boat up next to a log  
He pushed it in and rowed real hard  
Row that is Out to him That's what you do

So he rowed, rowed, rowed and got to Jed  
He reached right down and grabbed him by his head  
He pulled him out of water and into the boat  
Where he was saved by his son Jethro  
Whew that is He's safe Learn from this

So the next time you go Jed whatcha gonna do  
He said I'll take me a buddy or two  
I'll tell everybody that I do know  
That we're goin' to my favorite swimmin' hole  
Water Safety that is That's right Be safe

## FOUR KIND OF REPTILES

(music and lyrics by Joseph Shimel)

E            A            E            A  
S is for the snakes, A for alligators  
E            A            D            A            E  
L is for the lizards, and T is for the turtles, that's right  
             D            A            D            A  
There are four kinds of reptiles here in the state  
D            A            E            A            (D A E A)  
Four kinds of reptiles here in the state

D                    A                    E                    A  
If you know about reptiles you'll know that they have scales for skin  
     D            A            E            A  
Instead of any fur, or feathers like a bird

If you know about reptiles you'll know that some have live babies  
Others lay those little eggs and some don't have any legs

If you know about reptiles they warm their bodies in the sun  
They cool down in the shade and exothermic is the way

(music, story and lyrics by Joseph Shimel)

G D  
Mr. \_\_\_\_\_ its good to meet

C D  
Would you join me for something to eat? I have

G D  
Nuts and berries, fish and clams

C D C /  
Garbage from campground trash cans--- What do you say?

D G  
Will you eat with me today?

"I like seeds from plants," said Mr. Mouse. "Thank you anyway."

G D  
Mr. 'possum it was good to meet

C D  
I'm glad you joined me for something to eat? All those

G D  
Nuts and berries, fish and clams

C D C /  
Garbage from campground trash cans--- You did say?

D G  
You would eat with me today?

## Camouflage

(music and lyrics by Joseph Shimel)

C      G      D7    G

Camouflage, Camouflage

C                  G                  C                  G                  D7    G

Hiding there in plain sight, so he can live another night, its camouflage

D                  G                  D                  G

Animals come in all different colors so they can hide from all the others

D                  G                  C                  G                  D    D7

The ones who look at them as a meal, to them camouflage is a very big deal

Oh yes its . . .

(Chorus)

The little tiny grasshopper hides in the grass, he's green like the leaf so the predators pass  
The lizard looks down from the side of the tree, but the little green leaves are all that he sees

Because of . . .

(Chorus)

The little fence lizard is speckled and brown, he looks like bark or even the ground  
The bird looks down from high in the tree, but the bark and leaves are all that he sees

Because of . . .

(Chorus)

C                  G    C                  G    C                  G    D7    G

It's a little word that we call, camo, camo, camouflage

## Bugs

(music and lyrics by Joseph Shimel)

          G                G                G  G  
It's a creepy little crawly thing we call a bug  
          G                G                D        D  
He crawled across the floor and right under the rug  
          G                G        C        C  
I lifted up the rug and what did I see  
          G                C                G        D        G  
But a creepy little crawly thing looking back at me

          G                        C  
So I looked real close and guess what I saw  
          G                        D  
I saw the bug right there with six legs in all  
          G                        C  
I have two and they suit me just fine  
          G                G                D DD  D                D        G  
So I wondered why bugs would have six . . . I guess that's why he's a bug

So I looked real close and guess what I saw  
I saw the bug right there with three body parts  
A head and thorax, an abdomen  
So I wondered why bugs would have three . . . I guess that's why he's a bug

So I looked real close and guess what I did see  
Right there on his back, a pair of wings  
He can fly, so why can't I  
So I just stood there and wondered and stared . . . I guess that's why he's a bug

So I looked real close and guess what I saw  
His skin looked hard, its an exoskeleton  
My skin is soft, His skin is hard  
So I wondered why a bug has no bones . . . I guess that's why he's a bug

So I looked real close and guess what I saw  
Right there on his head, two antennae  
He uses them, to smell everything  
So I wondered why a bug has no nose . . . I guess that's why he's a bug



## **Paddle for the Border**

(music and lyrics by Joseph Shimel)

G D G /  
We'll paddle for the border, here we go  
G D G /  
We'll paddle for the border, with folks we know  
G D G C  
We'll paddle for the border, here we go  
G D G  
We'll paddle for the border today

D C  
Grab your paddle, your friend and your vest  
D C  
Hop in your boat and paddle your best  
D C  
Here we go up the canal  
D C  
Listen careful for the hoot of an owl  
G / D / G /  
Oh, paddle . . . for the . . . border

(Chorus)

Here we are in the swamp they call great  
We're gonna paddle to a whole different state  
Who knows what we'll see on our way  
Maybe a brown water snake today  
Oh, paddle . . . for the . . . border

There are hundreds of people here  
Some from far and some from near  
All with one thing on their mind  
To leave North Carolina behind

(Chorus)

We've been paddlin' since the break of dawn  
My arms are tired but I keep goin' on  
I hope to see before the sun goes down  
A belted kingfisher flying around

Everybody is passin' me by  
I'm out of breath, I might just die  
Who is that pullin' up the rear  
Oh its me, I better kick it in gear

(Chorus)