

## Sprout and the Bean

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I slept all day  
Awoke with distaste  
And I railed,  
And I raved

That the difference between  
The sprout and the bean  
Is a golden ring,  
It is a twisted string.  
And you can ask the counsellor;  
You can ask the king;  
And they'll say the same thing;  
And it's a funny thing:

Should we go outside?  
Should we go outside?  
Should we break some bread?  
Are you interested?

And as I said,  
I slept as though dead  
Dreaming seamless dreams of lead.

When you go away,  
I am big-boned and fey  
In the dust of the day,  
In the dirt of the day.

and Danger! Danger! Drawing near them was a white coat,  
And Danger! Danger! drawing near them was a broad boat,  
And the water! water! running clear beneath a white throat,  
And the hollow chatter of the talking of the Tadpoles,

Who know the outside!  
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