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secrets

they dance between my words
they play on my lips
they wrap themselves up in my hair
they tickle my nose
these pesky secrets of mine

ABC

A long, long time ago there lived a sandwich.

Bacon, lettuce and tomato were its contents.

Cucumber was not.

Days went by and no-one ate the sandwich.

Every day, the sandwich longed to be eaten.

Fourteen days went by and still, the sandwich stood eagerly on the shelf.

'Gee' said a bag of salt and vinegar crisps, 'you've been here for ages.'

'Hmm' said the sandwich.

'Indeed I have, but I shall not get disheartened, for it is my destiny to be eaten.'

'Jesus' said the bag of salt and vinegar crisps 'you're mad, no-one will ever want to eat you, you're starting to smell!'

Kissing in the corner were two grapes.

'Love' thought the sandwich 'one thing I will never know.'

Midnight fell on the shop and the sandwich wondered if he'd survive til morning.

Next day, the shopkeeper opened the doors and a flood of people scurried in.

'Oh' thought the sandwich 'this looks promising.'

'Pickled onions, yum' said one man.

'Quavers, yum' said another.

Realising that the competition was fierce, the sandwich decided to do something he'd never done before.

Speak.

'Tasty! Yummy! That is me! Have a bite! You will see!'

'Unbelievable,' said a lady in a pink tracksuit and a green ribbon in her hair 'a talking sandwich!'

'Violet is my name and I should like to eat you.'

'Well,' said the sandwich 'that is all very well, but I am full of bacteria and do not wish to harm you, for you are so very beautiful.'

Xylophones, glockenspiels and violins suddenly began to play the sweetest music, as the two realised their love for each other.

'You truly are an amazing sandwich' said Violet 'and I love you to the ends of the Earth and back, and to show my love for you, I will eat you, as the bacteria I shall feast upon will give me a long-term illness, which will remind me every day of the love that we shared.'

Zachary, for that was the sandwiches name, cried out in ecstasy as Violet sunk her teeth in to his mouldy flesh.

I Will Acquiesce

Sadness arrived
Furtively
She captured my body
And breathed for me

She took my mind hostage
Hijacked my vision
Confiscated my thoughts
Then threw me in prison

She took the gears to my life
Knocking everything down
Praying for disaster
Begging to drown

She was the anger in my voice
The tears in my eyes
My silence, my chaos
My delusion, my lies

Then, she abandoned me
And left me to clear up her mess
When she returns
I will acquiesce