



Songs for the Orchard

In a Cornish Community Orchard

New 'Orchardy' words for the tune 'In an English Country Garden'; maybe they speak for themselves...

- 1) How many apple-trees do you think you'll fi-nd
In a Cornish Community Orchard?
I'll tell you now of some of them I know and those I miss,
I'm sure you will pardon.
Ashmeads Kernel, Bramley, Browns,
Bloody Butcher, Chiver's Delight
Collogett Pippin
Cornish Gilliflower
And there's: Hoary Morning, Slack-ma-girdle, to-o
In a Cornish Community Or-or-chard.
- 2) How many-other fruit trees do you think you'll fi-nd
In an orchard on the Pen-with Peninsula?
I'll tell you now of some of them I know and those I miss,

I'm sure you will pardon.
Sunburst Cherry, Kiwi, Pear.
Medlar, Gage, Victoria Plum,
Fig Rouge de Bordeaux,
Asian Nashi Pear
And there's: Damson Merryweather, Quince and Boskoop Glory
In an orchard on the Penwith Peninsula.
- 3) How-many woodland-trees do you think that you will fi-nd
On the Penbeagle Nature Re-ser-er-erve?
I'll tell you now of some of them I know and those I miss,
I'm sure you will pardon.
Alder, Be-ech, Downy Birch,
Blackthorn, Elder, Grey Willow,
Gorse and Hawthorn,
Horse and Sweet Chestnut
And there's: Privet, Rowan, Yew and Sycamo-ore
On the Penbeagle Nature Re-ser-er-erve?

- 4) How many medicinal-and-useful plants do you think you'll find
In the wild or in the teaching garden?

I'll tell you now of some of them I know and those I miss,
I'm sure you will pardon.

Aloe Vera, Zanthoxylum

Dogrose, Vitex, Pennywort

Eleagnus Ebingi-i Co-o-ompacta

And there's: Ribwort, Plantain,

Winter-Parlane, Comfrey.

In the wild or in the teaching garden.

- 5) How many fungi(s) are here to hang about with
Growing in and under-the-soil of the O-orchard?

I'll tell you now of some of them I know and those I miss, I'm sure you will pardon.

Ganoderma, Candlesnuff

Parrot Wax Cap, Silver Leaf,

Common Laccaria,

Cheese Polypores.

And there's: Mycena, Velvet Shank,

Amber Jelly Roll

Growing in and under-the-soil of the O-orchard.

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Wildflowers? Save them for another time...

Insects? Far too many to mention...

Birds? At least 24 species...

Wildlife? Another song next solstice...?

High kick last line – as per first line of the song:

For glorious bio-diversity is here in St Ives Community Orchard!

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