Horseradish

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Is there an ode

To this old soul

None that is around

None that I have found

So let us begin, lets make a sound

So lets begin, right from the ground

No seed is needed

Just plant a crown

And it will be around, around

It will grow

Regardless of the snow

It will grow

Regardless of your frown

What will it do to heal your soul

That is up to you, that is yet to all be told

It is say it will clear your head

Others say it will make you see red

If you want to stay trimmer and slimmer

Just put it on your back

And you will soon react

Don't take a whiff

Just a sniff

It will make your eyes water

An open them as big as a quarter

Open your nose

Oh yea, as big as a hose

Curl your toes

And Lord only knows

What this plant holds

But as we ponder

Let us put it in a place of honor

For it has stories to tell

If only we could dwell

Within its secret well.

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