

A Tricky Plan

The farmer looked around at the garden and said,	9
to the troll, “Next year you can have the half of the	21
garden below the ground. And I will take the half	31
above the ground. Doesn’t that seem like a good	40
idea?”	41
The troll thought for a few seconds. The plan	50
seemed very good. It seemed almost too good to be	60
true. He wondered if the farmer was trying to play a	71
trick on him.	74
At last the troll said, “Very well, your plan will	84
do. But this year I want the half that grows above the	96
ground.”	97
The farmer covered his mouth with his hand. He	106
wanted to hide a smile. He was pleased. You might	116
even say he was very pleased.	122