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English Edges

English edges, English edges,
How we all love English edges,
But we can't have English edges
'Cause we can't grow English grass.
English grass is cut like velvet
To a half-inch every week
Then they hit it with a whacker
Just to keep it clean and neat.
We don't have the clime to grow it
Or twelve gardeners to mow it
Or to cut the borders sharply
Or to roll it nice and flat.
No—we can't have English edges
We may long for English edges
But we'll never ever have them
And that's that!

—Joan Severa