

Cool as a Cucumber

Cucumber,
green submarine,
your tenderness hidden
under thick waxy skin,
covered in bumpy patches
and rough to the touch.
Under the surface
out of sight
you float beneath a sea
of cool emerald leaves.
and catch bits of yellow rays
of sunshine
to nurture you.
In Poseidon's underwater world
vegetation thrives
among the rocks and crevices
thus Mother Earth gives you life
to push forth buds of fruit
grown to yield a soft central core
and make you,
cucumber

an elegant vegetable
thus destined
to shine,
foodstuff for salads
and tea time sandwiches
served
at luncheons
of the elite.

Yet you surprise the master gardener.
Dare to change your fate to transform
into the tangy pickle, condiment
darling of the common man,
loved by all.