**Year Four Reading Lessons 3 and 4**

In Year 4 at the beginning of September
You came into my class, how well I remember.

Some of you were smiling and giggling a lot
Some were very quiet and a few tears I could spot

You came here to learn, to be taught how to read
You were then very much like a tiny new seed

You were all in my garden just waiting to grow
So this gardener got busy with her rake and her hoe

I fed you the water and let in the sun
You took in the soil, but we had only begun

Each day as I worked in this garden of mine
I saw you all growing so strong and so fine

Then finally one day I took a good look
And saw each of my flowers reading a book

It was obvious then that you had worked too
Soaking up all the food I had given to you

But although you have blossomed, you still need to grow
So I'll pass you on now to another gardener I know

She too has a rake and hoe she can use
And plenty of food from which you can choose

I hope you will keep your roots open wide
Take in all her food and keep it inside

Yes, a gardener can work all night and all day
But the flower must be willing to take in each ray

So work very hard in your garden each year
Do the best you can and you'll have nothing to fear

Grow strong and tall, reach up for the sun
Stay as nice as you are and have lots of fun.