

WE ARE THE GREATEST

NARRATOR

As I lay in bed last night, I heard the clock strike midnight. CLOCK CHIMES
Then I heard a chorus of voices chanting.

ALL

We are the greatest, XX XXX
We are the greatest XX XXX

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Strange, I thought. A football match in the middle of the night? Impossible. But there it was again.

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We are the greatest, XX XXX
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The sound came from the garden right underneath my window. I opened it, the moon was shining brightly, everything looked normal, then came a voice from the lettuce patch.

LETTUCE

Everyone knows that a lettuce is the greatest. We can grow all year round and no-one ever has a salad without lettuce. We have very tender hearts and can be found in greengrocer shops everywhere, for we are the greatest.
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Then came a voice from across the garden, from the greenhouse.

TOMATO

That's what you think, Mr Lettuce, but you are green and full of horrible little crawlies. Let me tell you this. It's the tomato which gives a salad colour. We can also be cut into pretty shapes. We look nice, and we taste so good, yes we are the greatest.
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There were the tomatoes and the lettuce pulling faces at each other when I heard yet another vegetable having his say.

ONION Hold on you two. Now to have a real bit of flavour, you need me. An onion gives a salad a special touch and we can be used not only in salads but also in stews and casseroles and pies and

ALL You only make everyone cry HA HA

ONION Maybe, but we are worth all the tears, we are the greatest
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CARROT What about us then? We are such a lovely colour. We make a salad look very attractive when we are grated and sprinkled over. Also we are full of vitamins, so we are the greatest.
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NARRATOR After this I heard such a pushing and a groaning as a big ugly potato pushed its head above the ground and said,

POTATO What rubbish you are all talking. Everyone knows that a salad would be nowhere without a potato. Mash it, chip it, bake it in the jacket, and of course there's always crisps. You ask the children which vegetable is the greatest and they'll tell you, the potato, for we are the greatest.
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NARRATOR I thought they must have finished now, but no. There was another voice from the greenhouse again.

CUCUMBER How about us cucumbers then? We always go in a salad. We have a lovely slim figure, with grooves cut down the sides. When we are sliced we look very pretty on a salad, so I reckon we are the greatest.
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NARRATOR Then I heard a tiny little squeaky voice.

RADISH

Have you forgotten about us? Radishes might be very small and insignificant but we have a very strong taste and are a beautiful colour. We may be the smallest, but I say we are the greatest.

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At this, I flung the window open, I just had to put a stop to all this silly nonsense. Now listen to me, all you self centred stupid vegetables who think you are the greatest. Not one of you is any better than the other. When I make a salad I like a little bit of all of you, that's exactly why I planted all of you. Everyone of you is just as important to me, whether you are red or green, big or small. I am disgusted with you, now let's have no more of this nonsense and let me get some sleep. With that I slammed the bedroom window shut and crawled back into bed and was soon fast asleep.

When I awoke in the morning I looked out of my window. Everything looked very much as usual. Had I been dreaming? Did it all really happen? I'll leave you to decide, but it made me think.

God has made us all different. Some have one talent, some have another, some have many, some have few. God has made us exactly as He wants us and we are all important to Him. Let us serve Him with gladness just where He has placed us. No-one is greatest in God's eyes, but He loves us all the same.