

Cheese That Has Pleased Us

By Sally Cook

**Oh, Keats would gobble Gouda on his non-productive days,
Preferred it over other cheeses. Walnut Gourmandaise
Pleased Proust, with a warm toast – sometimes he chose to have it plain,
But most often would add to it a crusty madeleine**

**Old Roman poets liked to chew the aromatic curd,
Shakespeare was fond of bread and cheese. I think you must have heard
Of Cheddar Gorge, where Englishmen came up with Cheddar cheese.
Now it keeps getting in their hair, it drips right off the trees.**

**A favorite of Dickens, in a nineteenth century way,
Was Stilton, and he shared it with his cat most every day.
The Kings of France took a firm stance in favor of their Brie,
Washington crossed the Delaware on Camembert and tea.**

**Oh, the subject of fermented milk keeps conversation light
At exclusive cocktail parties in the middle of the night.
For its cheesy this and cheesy that, as far as one can see
As we trip the light fantastic, down the years of history.**

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