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**A Hex<sup>?</sup>for My Neighbor's Green Thumb**

May your shovel break, may your fertilizer bake,

May your droughts be long and dusty.

May moles make holes, may blights take tolls,

May your pruning tools get rusty.

A killing frost on the hybrids you crossed,

May your pink chrysanthemums sicken.

X A pox <sup>n</sup>oh your phlox, may your seeds fall on rocks, on

May your aphids and mealy-bugs thicken.

And to add to your woes, may you slice up your hose

When you run your power mower.

One last incantation: While you're on vacation

May stinkweed grow up to your door.

At the next Garden Show they'll surely know

Just who should have gotten first prize.

My brow with sweat was twice as wet,

And twice as green were my eyes!

—Glenna Holloway