

**On long prickly vines
I reach around
Seeking sunlight where it may be found.**

**Orange flowers
peek over large leaves
To call to the busy bees.**

**My fruit is tender
in summer's heat,
While other times it's hard
for an autumn treat.**

**Many varieties grow throughout the year
As many shapes and sizes appear.**

**Most famous of all
Are the orange ones in the fall,
With Jack-o-lantern as my other name
Whose family is one and the same.**

What am I?



EXCERPT



SQUASH