## **Mice Don't Like Cheese**

(On hearing research in September 2006, suggesting that mice do not, after all, like cheese)

Mice don't like cheese, they like chocolate éclairs And deep inside mouse-holes, on mousey-sized chairs They munch them, get cream in their whiskers and hairs And grow fat.

They also like jelly, and cinnamon sticks If you go to the cellar, move one of the bricks Then you'll see them, and maybe hear mousey-sized licks As they chat.

French mice will eat slices of hot Croque Monsieur They follow it up with a glass of liqueur And they're so busy dining, they're always secure From the cat

But if you put pieces of cheese near their hole No matter how much you may plead or cajole The mice will maintain a supreme self-control... And that's that!

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