

AXOLOTL

If you could pop into a bottle
What the axolotl's got a lot of
You could be a millionaire
You really ought to take a gander
At that little salamander
It does grander tricks than fakirs at a fair

If an axolotl loses a leg or any eye
It doesn't have to curse, worry, whimper or cry
To a healthy axolotl it is merely just a doddle
To grow a new one where the old one was and that's why...

[Chorus]

Scientists are fascinated to know why amputated
Axolotl limbs regenerate
If they solve the mystery they'll change medical history
In ways too numerous and varied to calculate

[Chorus]

Axolotls live in Xochimilco Lake
They're sweet and strange, but here's the icing on the cake
An axolotl from the very day it's born
Never grows into an adult salamander form

[Chorus]

Think of tadpoles having babies, that's what they do
Neoteny's the name of the game, but mind you
Some think we humans are neotenous likewise
Adults are just babies grown up way oversized

Axolotl, beast of mystery, why are you so strange?
If somebody had designed you, we'd call them deranged
All the same we've got a lot to learn from studying you
If we crack your secrets who knows what we'll learn to do?

[Chorus]

Some choose Florence Nightingale, some choose Aristotle
For my hero I'll select the humble axolotl
Salamander Peter Pan, everlasting youth
Axolotl's my role model
I swear that's the truth!

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