**I Love My Spines**

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I love my spines, I really do.

If you were spiny, wouldn’t you?

They’re long and sharp and very green.

My mother says to keep them clean.

My friends have claws and arms and feet,

But spines are different. Spines are neat.

Somewhere past the waterline,

There’s a mammal called the porcupine.

Its spines are really cool, I bet,

But I think spines are better wet.