

## **Immigrant Song**

On arrival into Britain, things might not seem as Great  
As you expected when you left your native state.  
Whilst you're learning how to calculate  
The pound to pint conversion rate  
These Guidelines will help you to assimilate.

There is no egg in eggplant,  
Nor toad in toad-in-the-hole.

Donkey jackets aren't worn by donkeys,  
You won't see a zebra on a zebra crossing.

Rainbow trout aren't made of rainbows,  
Jellyfish aren't made of jelly or fish.

People don't study pharmacy to become a farmer,  
Bookmakers don't make books.

Maltesers don't come from Malta,  
Swedes don't come from Sweden (well, some do).

There is no clam in chlamydia,  
Nor bull in bulimia or china shop.

Square meals aren't square,  
Writers' circles aren't perfect.

An alarm goes off by going on,  
And let's not even mention cricket,

When you're out, you're in,  
When you're in, you're not out  
Until you're out, and when  
The last man's out and you're not out,  
You're not in, you're out.

You might be disappointed if you go to Currys for a curry,  
Boots for boots, and Knobs & Knockers will be a let-down.

Mince pies are eyes,  
Plates of meat are feet.

Dead ringers aren't trying to connect with the afterlife,  
Putting a monkey on a horse is not a circus trick.

A lightning conductor isn't a man waving a baton very quickly,  
A handicap is not a hood for a golfer in the rain.

A vegetarian eats vegetables,  
But don't worry about a humanitarian.

Oh, and a Beefeater could be a vegetarian or a humanitarian,  
Or both, or neither.

And you won't find humble pie on any menu,  
But you may still need to put aside your qualifications and eat it.

Good luck.