

May your English swim and grow

May your English swim and grow  
may it spread wings and glow  
may it always get stronger so  
you never feel it come to plateau,  
that one day you get up and bellow  
all the lovely things you know.

May your English keep you warm  
may it take you places past the norm  
may it swell and sprout and then transform  
that you hardly recall its earliest form  
and ever it's with you to best perform  
so you pierce through every confusion storm.

May your English serve you well  
may it help you abroad to buy and sell  
may it never stumble but always excel  
that even you find yourself then dwell  
on your exchanges in business hotels,  
how you cause a Brit to stop and marvel.

May your English thrive and bloom  
may it carry you far beyond this room  
may it free you from having to assume  
what things they're chatting in the saloon  
that you then find yourself to be a boon  
to the conversation's heart and tune.

May your English take you far  
may it sow friendships in bars  
may it allow you in debates to spar  
that you make your point well up to par  
and slowly and surely wherever you are  
you prove yourself the chattery Anglo star.

May your English never fade  
may it assist in your will to persuade  
may it permit your argument an extra weight  
and multiply your possibilities to convey  
all the lovely things you have about your way  
your input indeed, makes any exchange great.

It has been my pleasure, Ute!

Yours sincerely,

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