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## Nobody expects an axolotl!

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Nobody expects an axolotl  
You're swimming along, then suddenly, oh!  
It pops like a genie from a bottle

But in the wild there are not a lot!  
Unless you are in Lake Xochimilco\*  
Nobody expects an axolotl

Looks cute but it's a tiny cannibal  
All colours and shades, to baffle its foe  
It pops like a genie from a bottle

This salamander is quite nocturnal  
And its translucent skin appears to glow  
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With fluttering face fronds, it's not subtle  
If severed, its limbs and brain will regrow!  
It pops like a genie from a bottle

Named for the Aztec god, Xolotl  
You watch that Mexican Walking Fish go  
Nobody expects an axolotl  
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\* pronounced: *so-chee-meel-koh*