Halves and Fourths and Thirds

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Come on in. Listen close.
Pay attention to our words.
And from these pages you will learn about halves and fourths and thirds.
Halves come from a whole divided equally in two. Since I’m one half an orange, there is something you can do.
I’ve lost a half just like me
somewhere in this bowl.
Find my half and you will see
that we can make one whole.
2 halves make 1 whole.
Fourths come from a whole divided equally in four. I may be just one fourth, you see, but there must be three more.
Fourths can be called quarters, too, the same thing with a different name. Call me one quarter or one fourth, and you’ll see I’m still the same.
Find the other fourths like me—
their sizes really matter.
Then together we will be—
one tomato on a platter.
4 fourths make 1 whole.
Thirds come from a whole divided equally in three.
I am just one third, and I’m as lonely as can be.
Find two chunks that look like me.
Oh, will you help me, please?
For when we get together,
we are one whole wheel of cheese.
3 thirds make 1 whole.
We’ve reached the end, and thanks so much for listening to our words. Now tell your friends what you have learned about halves and fourths and thirds.
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