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If you measure the distance from the edge of a circle
Through the middle, to the opposite side
Then multiply your answer by three and a bit
The circumference is what you will find

So the mystery of pi is easy to explain
But what about the magic of a pie?
Is it found in the crunchy golden crust on top
Or the rich dark gravy inside?

Oh, how I love the pleasure of a sweet apple tart
Drowning in a sea of custard
Or the Christmassy taste of a jellied pork pie
Served with a spoonful of mustard

So, Archimedes you can keep your pi
And all those calculations you did
Just give me a proper pie – a delicious filling
With a crisp pastry bottom and a lid!

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Teaching notes

A light-hearted poem to celebrate International Pi Day and British Pie Week. Pi Day is celebrated on 14th March every year (3.14) and British Pie Week is usually during the first full week of March.

In English classes this poem could be used as a discussion starter on the theme of food likes and dislikes, vegetarianism and diet.

In Maths classes it could be used as a humorous introduction to Pi (π).