

Forcing the Bond

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They feed on exudates
they live in narrow zones.
Symbiotic communities
delivering nitrogen, transferring hope.
We, diverse scientists
can tap on these bacteria
maximise the food supply
we can keep the yield high
fulfil dreams of breeders and farmers.
Targeting microbiomes
we come up with symbioses
new plant-microbe interactions
convey fixation to nonlegumes
engineer enhanced nutrition.
Via advanced sequencing
we recruit microbial cells
unlock selected strains
translate exudate profiles
we avoid destructive leaching.
Microbes can be enhanced
made into a soup
inoculated in poor soil.
Today we unblock nature
we turn bios around
render life a tool
we unleash new crises.