



The IPM Song

Sing to the tune of *You Are My Sunshine*

My name is Izzy
I'm a Praying Mantis
I've come to tell you
There's a better way
To protect our farmlands
Parks, yards and playgrounds
Without using powders and
sprays.

We share our planet
With many others
Some are friendly
And some are foe.
We must control pests
In a healthy manner
That allows friends
To prosper and grow.

When we have a problem,
A pest invasion,
We don't reach for
A chemical spray.
We consider our choices;
Try other options
That's called the IPM way.

First, we study
The existing problem
Who are these pests that
Have invaded our space?
Do their numbers threaten?
Must we take action
To rid the pest from this place?

Next, we get to know them
Their habits and life styles,
What they eat and what else they
need.
Can we control this?
Remove the problem
Whether bug, animal, or a weed!

Cut off their food source!
Provide NO water!
Clean up all places
Pests can root or nest!
Plug points of entry
To prevent invasion!
These actions may prove
To be best.

Can we remove them
By digging or picking
Or introducing
Natural control?
Whatever we can do
To avoid poisons
We should try;
Chemicals take a toll.

Our friends and families
Woodlands and waters
Need pest protection
Each and every day.
We can help them
Without polluting
It's called the IPM way!

