When in Rome
Mari Evans

Mattie dear
the box is full . . .
take
whatever you like
to eat . . .
  (an egg
  or soup
  . . . there ain't no meat.)
there's endive there
and
cottage cheese . . .
  (whew! if I had some
  black-eyed peas . . .)
there's sardines
on the shelves
and such . . .
but
don't
get my anchovies . . .
they cost
too much!
  (me get the
  anchovies indeed!
  what she think, she got --
  a bird to feed?)
there's plenty in there
o fill you up . . .
  (yes'm. just the
  sight's
  enough!)

Hope I lives till I get
home
I'm tired of eatin'
what they eats in Rome . . .

Prompt: Examine the tone and theme of the poem “When in Rome,” by Mari Evans, and discuss how tone and theme is developed through the use of various poetic devices.