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*Kale-ifornia, here I come!
 Right back where I planted some.
 From seeding, those seedlings
 grow in the sun.
 With water and feeding,
 the days will bring a harvesting.
 Those showy greens say, "We look great!
 In the soil or on your plate."
 So open up that Garden Gate!
 Kale-ifornia, here I come!*



Coral Queen



Meadowlark



Red Ursa



Prizm (in a self-watering container)

Today we feature four of our favorite kale varieties (one ornamental and three edible) from the 2016-2017 cool-season trials:

'Coral Queen' provided one of the most long-lasting displays among ornamental kale varieties, showing no leaf burn when mild night temperatures abruptly dropped into the upper teens.

'Meadowlark', an upright variety with intricately curled leaves, easily performed well as both an edible and an ornamental crop.

'Red Ursa' provided a multicolored display with magenta stems, pink veins, and frilly blue-green leaves.

'Prizm', an All-America Selections winner for 2016, remains short while producing new leaves as older leaves are harvested.