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Boats Sail on the Rivers

Reading level 7 (3rd grade) · 72 words

Boats sail on the rivers, And ships sail on the seas; But clouds that sail across the sky Are prettier far than these.

There are bridges on the rivers, As pretty as you please; But the bow that bridges heaven, And overtops the trees, And builds a road from earth to sky, Is prettier far than these.

Boats Sail on the Rivers was written by Christina Rossetti. Sing-Song was published in 1872.

Questions

1. What sails across the sky?

A. Ships
B. Kites
C. Clouds

2. What is the "bow" in the second verse?

A. A ship's front
B. A rainbow
C. A ribbon

3. In this poem, what does "overtops" mean?

A. Falls over
B. Rises above
C. Hides under

4. Which words rhyme in the first verse?

A. sail and sky
B. boats and ships
C. seas and these

5. What does the poet say is prettier than boats and bridges?

A. Clouds and the rainbow
B. Rivers and seas
C. Ships and houses

Words to know

bridges: paths over water
overtops: rises above
bow: rainbow

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1. C. Clouds
2. B. A rainbow
3. B. Rises above
4. C. seas and these
5. A. Clouds and the rainbow