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The Swing

Reading level 7 (3rd grade) · 98 words

How do you like to go up in a swing, Up in the air so blue? Oh, I do think it the pleasantest thing Ever a child can do! Up in the air and over the wall, Till I can see so wide, Rivers and trees and cattle and all Over the countryside--

Till I look down on the garden green, Down on the roof so brown-- Up in the air I go flying again, Up in the air and down!

The Swing was written by Robert Louis Stevenson. A Child's Garden of Verses was published in 1885.

Questions

1. What does the child see from the top of the swing?

A. The sea and ships
B. Rivers, trees and cattle
C. Only the garden

2. How does the child feel about the swing?

A. It is scary
B. It is boring
C. It is the pleasantest thing a child can do

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

A. A kind of swing
B. The land outside the town
C. A rainy day

4. Which line is nearly the same in each verse?

A. How do you like
B. Down on the roof
C. Up in the air

5. Which word rhymes with "wide"?

A. swing
B. green
C. side

Words to know

cattle: cows
countryside: land outside towns
pleasantest: nicest

Answer key: The Swing

1. B. Rivers, trees and cattle
2. C. It is the pleasantest thing a child can do
3. B. The land outside the town
4. C. Up in the air
5. C. side