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# Where Go the Boats?

Reading level 7 (3rd grade) · 88 words

Dark brown is the river, Golden is the sand. It flows along for ever, With trees on either hand. Green leaves a-floating, Castles of the foam, Boats of mine a-boating-- Where will all come home?

On goes the river And out past the mill, Away down the valley, Away down the hill. Away down the river, A hundred miles or more, Other little children Shall bring my boats ashore.

Where Go the Boats? was written by Robert Louis Stevenson. A Child's Garden of Verses was published in 1885.

## Questions

**1. What color is the river?**

A. Bright blue
B. Silver
C. Dark brown

**2. What does the child hope will happen to the boats?**

A. They will sink
B. Other children will bring them ashore
C. They will come back by morning

**3. In this poem, what does "ashore" mean?**

A. Onto the land
B. Under the water
C. Far out at sea

**4. Which words start two lines in a row in the third verse?**

A. Away down
B. Dark brown
C. Golden is

**5. Which word rhymes with "hill"?**

A. boats
B. sand
C. mill

## Words to know

foam: bubbly froth
mill: grain-grinding house
ashore: onto land
valley: low land

# Answer key: Where Go the Boats?

1. C. Dark brown
2. B. Other children will bring them ashore
3. A. Onto the land
4. A. Away down
5. C. mill