

# Bed in Summer

by Robert Louis Stevenson *from A Child's Garden of Verses*

In winter I get up at night  
And dress by yellow candle-light.  
In summer, quite the other way,  
I have to go to bed by day.

I have to go to bed and see  
The birds still hopping on the tree,  
Or hear the grown-up people's feet  
Still going past me in the street.

And does it not seem hard to you,  
When all the sky is clear and blue,  
And I should like so much to play,  
To have to go to bed by day?

**Questions**

1. What time of day is the author talking about when he says, "In winter I get up at night/ And dress by yellow candle-light?"
2. What word in the poem rhymes with street?
3. Usually, *night* and *day* mean a time of the day. In this poem, the author uses *night* and *day* to mean something else. What do you think *night* and *day* mean here?
4. Have you ever gone to bed when it is still daylight outside? If so, how did you like it? If not, what do you think it would be like?