

The Swing

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

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!

Questions

1. Give three sets of rhyming words from the poem.
2. Why does the poet say the air is blue?
3. List three things that the person on the swing sees.
4. The poem says, "Up in the air I go flying again." How is being on a swing like flying?