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Analyzing End Rhymes in "The Swing"

Directions: Whenever you analyze poetry, it is important to analyze structure, meaning, imagery, the language, and the effect of the poem on the reader. Below is a poem by Robert Louis Stevenson.

1. First, circle the end rhymes.
2. Second, describe what the poem means and explain your answer.

"The Swing"

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!

What does the poem mean? Explain your answer in complete sentences.
