

A Spring Thing



Spring's sprung,
From Winter sleep,
Buds burst,
Leaves leap!

Everything
Primps and preens,
Blossoms bloom,
Grass greens.

Cows moo,
Calves bleat,
Lambs skip,
Chicks cheep!

Throw the window
Open wide,
Let the scent
Of Spring inside!

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TEACHER NOTES for “A Spring Thing”

This is a rhyming poem consisting of four verses. Each verse consists of four lines with 2nd and 4th lines rhyming (a simple four line rhyme]. Such a verse is called a ‘quatrain.’

The rhyme scheme is - A, B, C, B.

Questions and Activities

1. The poem highlights the colours and noises of Spring.

Which lines suggest the colours of Spring?

Which lines mention animal noises?

The young of which particular animals are mentioned?

2. Write a Quatrain that compares Spring to Winter.

3. What colour differences exist between Spring and Winter? (Note, if you live in a cold climate, this colour difference is much more marked.)

4. The poem mentions three baby animals. Write down what we would call the parents of each of these three.

Chicken - Mother =

Father =

Lamb - Mother =

Father =

Calf - Mother =

Father =