

Diagramming Sentences: Poetry

From A Child's Garden of Verses, 1916

Robert Louis Stevenson wrote poems about things children see and do every day. Have you ever wondered why you have to go to bed when it's still light out in the middle of summer? Even though this poem was written almost 100 years ago, children in 1916 wondered the same thing!

DIRECTIONS

Circle the noun that is the subject of every clause.

Underline every verb that shows the action in each sentence.

Place a star next to every adjective.

Place parentheses () around every preposition.

BED IN SUMMER



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?