

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?

By Robert Louis Stevenson

Questions

1. What is the poem about?
2. Look at the verse beginning, *In winter I get up at night*. Find and copy a phrase that indicates that it is dark.
3. 'I have to go to bed and see The birds still hopping on the tree.' (verse 2) How does this show us the poet's feelings about going to bed?
4. How does this poem make you feel sorry for the poet? Give three ways.
5. What do phrases such as *dress by yellow candle-light* tell you about this poem?
6. Look at the poem again. Find and copy one sentence that shows that the poet is young.