

Robert Louis Stevenson's Poetry: Rhyming Words

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Robert Louis Stevenson was an author and a poet. Below is a poem from his poetry collection *A Child's Garden of Verses*.



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!

There are twelve lines in the poem. Write the last word of each line in the first blank. If there is a word at the end of another line that rhymes with the word in the first blank, write it in the second blank.

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| 1. | <u>swing</u> | <u>thing</u> |
| 2. | <u>blue</u> | <u>do</u> |
| 3. | <u>thing</u> | <u>swing</u> |
| 4. | <u>do</u> | <u>blue</u> |
| 5. | <u>wall</u> | <u>all</u> |
| 6. | <u>wide</u> | <u>countryside</u> |
| 7. | <u>all</u> | <u>wall</u> |
| 8. | <u>countryside</u> | <u>wide</u> |
| 9. | <u>green</u> | <u>optional: again</u> |
| 10. | <u>brown</u> | <u>down</u> |
| 11. | <u>again</u> | <u>optional: green</u> |
| 12. | <u>down</u> | <u>brown</u> |