

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 clause.

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?