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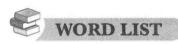




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LESSON 1

THE SHEPHERD BOY



either glossy trickle entered fancied shepherd

murmur chestnuts reflected command

- Little Roy led his sheep down to pasture,
 And his cows, by the side of the brook;
 But his cows never drank any water,
 And his sheep never needed a crook.
- For the pasture was gay as a garden,
 And it glowed with a flowery red;
 But the meadows had never a grass blade,
 And the brooklet—it slept in its bed:



- 3. And it lay without sparkle or murmur, Nor reflected the blue of the skies; But the music was made by the shepherd, And the sparkle was all in his eyes.
- 4. Oh, he sang like a bird in the summer!
 And, if sometimes you fancied a bleat,
 That, too, was the voice of the shepherd,
 And not of the lambs at his feet.
- 5. And the glossy brown cows were so gentle That they moved at the touch of his hand O'er the wonderful, rosy-red meadow, And they stood at the word of command.
- 6. So he led all his sheep to the pasture, And his cows, by the side of the brook; Though it rained, yet the rain never pattered O'er the beautiful way that they took.
- 7. And it wasn't in Fairyland either, But a house in the midst of the town, Where Roy, as he looked from the window, Saw the silvery drops trickle down.
- 8. For his pasture was only a table, With its cover so flowery fair, And his brooklet was just a green ribbon, That his sister had lost from her hair.
- 9. And his cows were but glossy horse-chestnuts, That had grown on his grandfather's tree; And his sheep only snowy-white pebbles, He had brought from the shore of the sea.

- 10. And at length when the shepherd was weary,
 And had taken his milk and his bread,
 And his mother had kissed him and tucked him,
 And had bid him "good night" in his bed;
- While the shepherd was soundly asleep,
 And he cut up the cows into baskets,
 And to jackstones turned all of the sheep.

(Emily S. Oakey)



STUDY GUIDE

A. Vocabulary matching—Match the word from the poem in A with the meaning in B.

A	В
either	give an order or instructions
glossy	produce or show an image
murmur	to want or desire
command	a soft voice
trickle	one or the other of two
enter	a person who cares for sheep
chestnut	go or come into a place
fancy	a large nut you can eat
shepherd	shiny and smooth
reflect	flow in a thin stream

- B. Discussion questions—Talk about the following questions.
- 1. Which animals are mentioned in the poem?
- 2. What is the shepherd's name?

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3. Is the shepherd an only child? How do you know?
4. How old do you think the shepherd is? Why do you think so?
5. Would you like to be a shepherd? Why or why not?
6. When you were a young child, what did you like to pretend to be?
C. True or False—Read each sentence and write T (true) or F false). Write a sentence to explain your answer.
1. Roy lives on a farm.
2. Walter is older than Roy.
3. Roy has seen the ocean.
4. Roy's sheep are made of wood.
5. A bleat is a sound that a cow makes.
6. Roy became very tired.

LESSON 2

JOHNNY'S FIRST SNOWSTORM



country

groves

losing

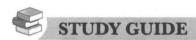
sugar

freezes

- I. Johnny Reed was a little boy who never had seen a snowstorm till he was six years old. Before this, he had lived in a warm country, where the sun shines down on beautiful orange groves, and fields always sweet with flowers.
- 2. But now he had come to visit his grandmother, who lived where the snow falls in winter. Johnny was standing at the window when the snow came down.
- 3. "O mamma!" he cried, joyfully, "do come quick, and see these little white birds flying down from heaven."
 - 4. "They are not birds, Johnny," said mamma, smiling.



- 5. "Then maybe the little angels are losing their feathers! Oh! do tell me what it is; is it sugar? Let me taste it," said Johnny. But when he tasted it, he gave a little jump—it was so cold.
 - 6. "That is only snow, Johnny," said his mother.
 - 7. "What is snow, mother?"
- 8. "The snowflakes, Johnny, are little drops of water that fall from the clouds. But the air through which they pass is so cold it freezes them, and they come down turned into snow."
- 9. As she said this, she brought out an old black hat from the closet. "See, Johnny! I have caught a snowflake on this hat. Look quick through this glass, and you will see how beautiful it is."
- 10. Johnny looked through the glass. There lay the pure, feathery snowflake like a lovely little star.
- 11. "Twinkle, twinkle, little star!" he cried in delight. "Oh! please show me more snow-flakes, mother."
 - 12. So his mother caught several more, and they were all beautiful.
- 13. The next day Johnny had a fine play in the snow, and when he came in, he said, "I love snow; and I think snowballs are a great deal prettier than oranges."



A. Scrambled Sentences—Put the sentences in the correct order. The first one has been done for you.

Johnny lived in a warm country.	(:	1)
Johnny's mother caught more snowflakes.	()
Johnny's mother caught a snowflake on an old, black hat.	()
Johnny said he thought snowflakes were prettier than oranges.	()
Johnny was standing at the window when the snow came down.	()
Johnny wanted to see more snowflakes.	()
Johnny looked at a snowflake through a glass.	()
Johnny thought the snow was birds, angels, or sugar.	()
Johnny's mother told Johnny what snow is.	()
Johnny played in the snow.	()

B. Vocabulary Practice—Write the correct vocabulary word in the blank. Choose from the following words.

sugar snowflakes joyfully lovely grove freezes snowstorm angel

clouds

pumpkins

LESSON 3

LET IT RAIN



daughter

quench

wreaths

butter

thirsty

- 1. Rose. See how it rains! Oh dear, dear, dear! how dull it is! Must I stay in doors all day?
- 2. Father. Why, Rose, are you sorry that you had any bread and butter for breakfast, this morning?
- 3. Rose. Why, father, what a question! I should be sorry, indeed, if I could not get any.
- 4. Father. Are you sorry, my daughter, when you see the flowers and the trees growing in the garden?
- 5. Rose. Sorry? No, indeed. Just now, I wished very much to go out and see them, —they look so pretty.
- 6. Father. Well, are you sorry when you see the horses, cows, or sheep drinking at the brook to quench their thirst?
- 7. Rose. Why, father, you must think I am a cruel girl, to wish that the poor horses that work so hard, the beautiful cows that give so much nice milk, and the pretty lambs should always be thirsty.
- 8. Father. Do you not think they would die, if they had no water to drink?
- 9. Rose. Yes, sir, I am sure they would. How shocking to think of such a thing!
- 10. Father. I thought little Rose was sorry it rained. Do you think the trees and flowers would grow, if they never had any water on them?
- II. Rose. No, indeed, father, they would be dried up by the sun. Then we should not have any pretty flowers to look at, and to make wreaths of for mother.