

The Swing:

Understanding the Poem



1. Describe what the poet sees when he goes up on the swing. Explain in detail using examples from the poem.

2. Why does the poet call swinging "the pleasantest thing"? Give reasons with reference to the poem.

3. Explain how the view changes when the poet is "up in the air" and when he looks "down."

4. Imagine you are on a swing. Describe everything you would see and feel in at least 6-8 sentences.
