

## Poetry Two Poems

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### “The Swing” by Robert Louis Stevenson

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,  
River 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!

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### “Playgrounds” by Laurence Alma-Tadema

In summer I am very glad  
We children are so small,  
For we can see a thousand things  
That men can't see at all.

They don't know much about the moss  
And all the stones they pass:  
They never lie and play among  
The forests in the grass:

They walk about a long way off;  
And, when we're at the sea,  
Let father stoop as best he can  
He can't find things like me.

But, when the snow is on the ground  
And all the puddles freeze,  
I wish that I were very tall,  
High up above the trees.

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“The First Tooth” by Charles and Mary Lamb

Through the house what busy joy,  
Just because the infant boy  
Has a tiny tooth to show!  
I have got a double row,  
All as white, and all as small;  
Yet no one cares for mine at all.  
He can say but half a word,  
Yet that single sound's preferred  
To all the words that I can say  
In the longest summer day.  
He cannot walk, yet if he put  
With mimic motion out his foot,  
As if he thought he were advancing,  
It's prized more than my best dancing.

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“Daddy Fell Into the Pond” by Alfred Noyes

Everyone grumbled. The sky was grey.  
We had nothing to do and nothing to say.  
We were nearing the end of a dismal day,  
And then there seemed to be nothing beyond,  
Then  
Daddy fell into the pond!

And everyone's face grew merry and bright,  
And Timothy danced for sheer delight.  
"Give me the camera, quick, oh quick!  
He's crawling out of the duckweed!" Click!

Then the gardener suddenly slapped his knee,  
And doubled up, shaking silently,  
And the ducks all quacked as if they were daft,  
And it sounded as if the old drake laughed.  
Oh, there wasn't a thing that didn't respond  
When  
Daddy Fell into the pond!