

Read the beginning of the poem **Bed in Summer** by **Robert Louis Stevenson** and answer the following questions.

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.

By Robert Louis Stevenson



1. **When** does the child in this poem have to get up in **winter**? **Tick one.**

in the day

at lunchtime

at night

in the afternoon

2. **Find and copy** 8 words in the poem that **rhyme**.

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

3. **What** does the child in the poem **hear** when going to bed in summer? **Tick one.**

birds in the tree

grown-up people's feet

cars in the street

children playing

4. Do you think the child in the poem prefers going to bed in **summer** or **winter**? **Why?**

5. **Which words** in the poem tell you that it is set in the past?

6. This is the last verse of the poem. Can you work out and fill in the missing words?

And does it not seem hard to you,
When all the sky is _____ and _____,
And I should like so much to _____,
To have to get to bed by _____?

