

In our little boat to glide
On the water blue and wide,
While the sky is smooth and bright,
What could give us more delight ?

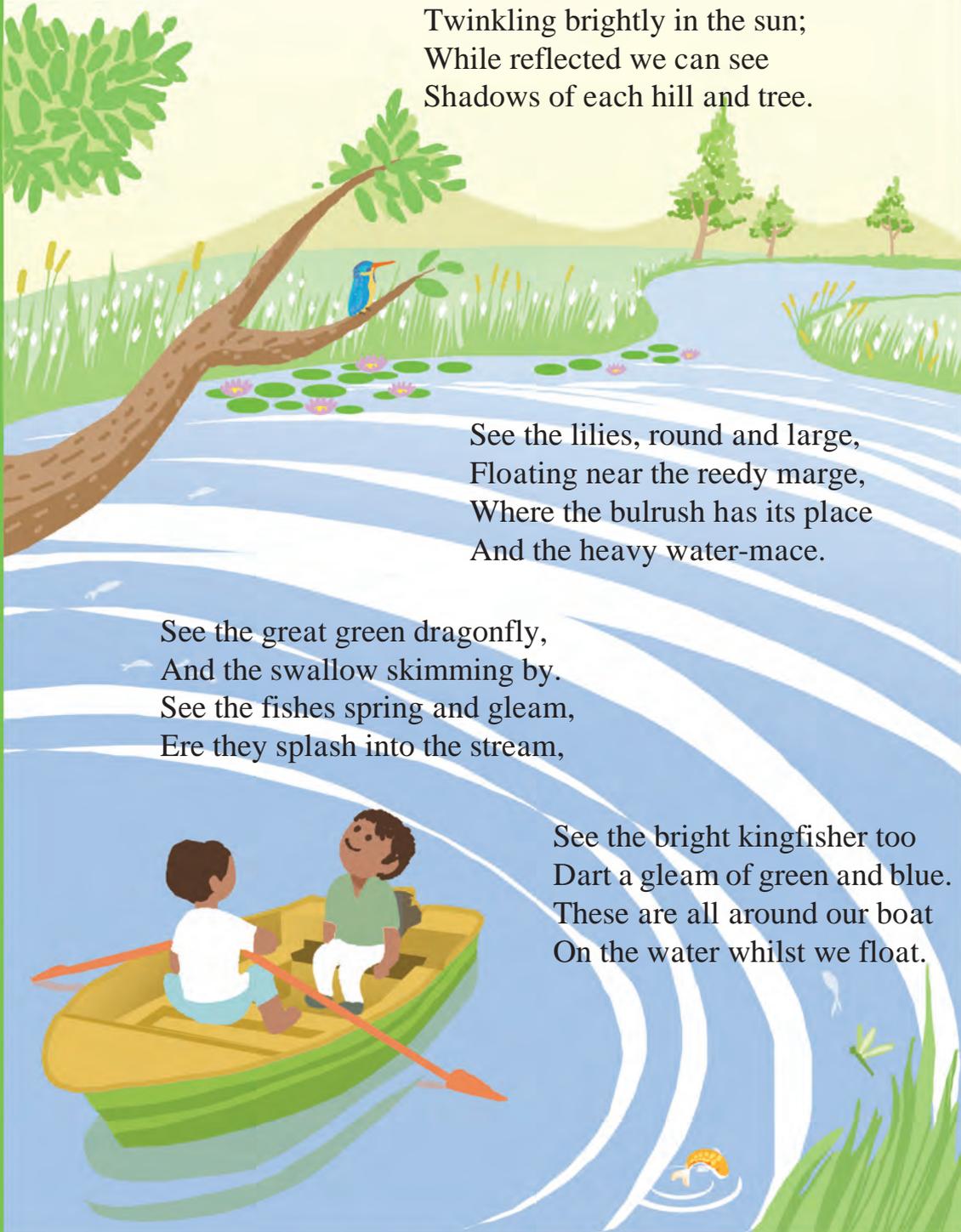


See the ripples, how they run,
Twinkling brightly in the sun;
While reflected we can see
Shadows of each hill and tree.

See the lilies, round and large,
Floating near the reedy marge,
Where the bulrush has its place
And the heavy water-mace.

See the great green dragonfly,
And the swallow skimming by.
See the fishes spring and gleam,
Ere they splash into the stream,

See the bright kingfisher too
Dart a gleam of green and blue.
These are all around our boat
On the water whilst we float.



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- * reedy marge : water's edge where reeds or tall grasses grow thick.
 - * bulrush, water-mace : wetland grasslike plants.
 - * ere : before.
 - * dart : move suddenly and rapidly.
 - * whilst : while.

Things to do :

1. Answer the following questions.

- (1) List the insects, birds, trees and plants mentioned in the poem.
- (2) List the rhyming words in the poem.
- (3) Write what the following do, with the help of the poem.
 - * ripples
 - * lilies
 - * swallow
 - * fishes
 - * kingfisher
- (4) Write what the poet is doing.
Does the poet like the experience?
Write the line which tells us about it.

2. Activities

- (1) Write a short essay on your own journey in a boat.
- (2) Prepare and present a speech on 'My Favourite Place'.
Use the following points.
 - * Name of the place
 - * Its special features
 - * The reason why you like it
- (3) Make a painting or a collage to show the different things described in the poem.

