

20. Only One Mother



Hundreds of stars
in the pretty sky,
Hundreds of shells
on the shore together,
Hundreds of birds
that go singing by,
Hundreds of lambs
in the sunny weather.

Hundreds of dewdrops
to greet the dawn,
Hundreds of bees
in the purple clover,
Hundreds of butterflies
on the lawn,
But only one mother
the wide world over.

– George Cooper



Things to do :

1. Make a list of the rhyming words in the poem.

Add one more rhyming word of your own to each pair.

2. Write some more expressions like 'hundreds of'. Expand each expression.

Example, 'Hundreds of children in the school.'

3. Answer the following questions.

- (1) What examples of plentiful things does the poet give ?
- (2) Why does the poet say that the dewdrops greet the dawn ?
- (3) Do you agree with the poet's thoughts ? Why ?

4. Write a letter to any one of the following to tell them how much you appreciate them.

* Your mother * Your father * Any one of your relatives * Your teacher