

# Foreign lands

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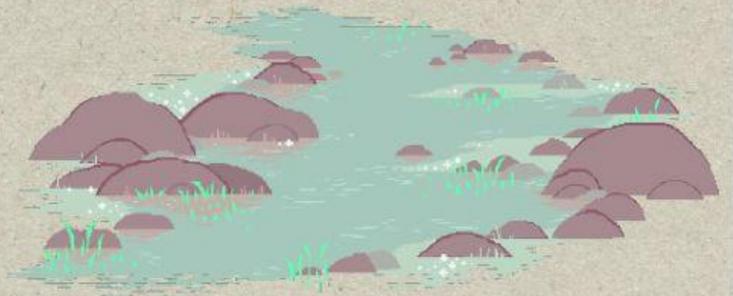
Up into the cherry tree  
Who should climb but little me?  
I **held** the **trunk** with both my hands  
And looked **abroad** on foreign lands.



I saw the next door garden **lie**,  
**Adorned** with flowers, before my eye,  
And many **pleasant** places more  
That I **had never seen** before.



I saw the **dimpling** river **pass**  
And be the sky's blue **looking-glass**;  
The **dusty** roads go up and down  
With people **tramping** in to town.



If I could find a higher tree  
**Farther** and farther I should see,  
To where the **grown-up** river **slips**  
Into the sea **among** the ships,

To where the roads **on either hand**  
**Lead onward** into **fairy land**,  
Where all the children **dine** at five,  
And all the **playthings come alive**.

## Words

**Foreign Lands** – Чужі краї, Іноземні землі  
**hold (held)** – тримати  
**trunk** – стовбур дерева  
**abroad** – за кордоном  
**lie** – простягатися, розташовуватися  
**adorned** – прикрашений  
**pleasant** – приємний, чудовий  
**had never seen** – ніколи не бачив  
**dimpling** – покрита брижами, ряба  
**pass** – минати, проходити повз  
**looking-glass** – люстерко  
**dusty** – запилений  
**tramping** – гупати, тупотіти

**farther** – далі  
**grown-up** – дорослий, виростати  
**slip** – ковзати  
**among** – серед  
**on either hand** – з іншої сторони  
**lead** – вести  
**onward** – вперед, далі  
**fairy land** – казкова країна  
**dine** – вечеряти  
**playthings** – іграшки  
**come alive** – оживати

## Quiz

- I want to climb a \_\_\_\_\_

a) cherry tree                      b) oak                      c) apple tree
- And looked **abroad** on foreign lands

a) places far away                      b) at the sky                      c) on the house
- The dimpling river is

a) sky's picture                      b) sky's photo                      c) sky's looking glass
- If I could find a higher tree I ...

a) could find a river                      b) could see farther                      c) could find a house
- Where does the roads go?

a) to the village                      b) abroad                      c) to fairy land
- What the author can see from that tree?

a) sea                      b) garden                      c) foreign lands
- Could he see a river?

YES                      NO
- What does the author want to do?

a) swim in the river                      b) find a higher three                      c) dine at five