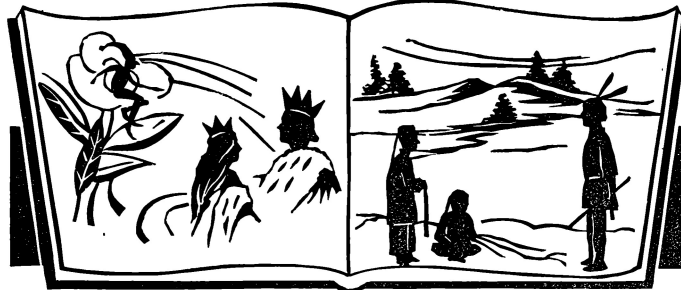


## MEMORIZE A POEM A MONTH

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Have you ever had a ride on the train? What did you see on the way as the train sped on? Did you see hills and plains? Did you see strange children? Look at the pictures above.

A child talks in this poem. He says that a book is like a little train. Find out why reading a book is like riding on a train.

**MY BOOK**

My book is like a little train  
It takes me over hills and plain  
I see the Indian boys at play  
And watch the Chinese children gay.  
It takes me up to fairyland  
And shows me elves and kings so grand  
I close my book, the journey's done.  
I like to read, it is great fun.

Read the first stanza again. What things does the child see as he reads his book? Name them in order.

Read the first two lines of the second stanza again. Where else does the book take the child? What does he see in fairyland? When he closes his book, he feels that he has finished a journey.

Why does he like to read?

Read the whole poem again seeing the pictures and remembering the words. After this reading, you should be able to complete the lines.

My book is like \_\_\_\_\_  
It takes me over \_\_\_\_\_  
I see the \_\_\_\_\_  
And watch the \_\_\_\_\_  
It takes me up to \_\_\_\_\_  
And shows me \_\_\_\_\_ so grand  
I close my book the \_\_\_\_\_  
I like to \_\_\_\_\_, it is \_\_\_\_\_  
My \_\_\_\_\_ is like \_\_\_\_\_  
It \_\_\_\_\_ me over \_\_\_\_\_  
I \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_  
And \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_  
It \_\_\_\_\_ me up to \_\_\_\_\_  
And \_\_\_\_\_ me \_\_\_\_\_ so grand.  
I \_\_\_\_\_ my book, the \_\_\_\_\_  
I \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_, it is \_\_\_\_\_

Don't you think you should be able to recite the entire poem now? Try to. After learning it well, recite it at your "Book Week Program."