

MEMORIZE A POEM A MONTH



Have you ever been so happy that you sang and danced and saw beauty in everything? If you are truly thankful to God for the things that you get, you should always be happy. Even if you are poor, you possess something to be glad about.

Read the little poem by Christina Rossetti. What kind of girl is the poet talking about? Name the different things she does which shows that she is happy. Read the last stanza carefully. Is she rich? If she were a princess, would she be any happier?

Read the poem aloud several times, remembering the pictures in order. Now, try to recite it without looking.

HAPPY LITTLE ALICE

By Christina Rossetti

Dancing on the hilltops,
Singing in the valleys,
Laughing with the echoes,
Merry little Alice.

Playing games with lambkins

In the flowering valleys,
Gathering pretty posies,
Helpful little Alice.

If her father's cottage

Turned into a palace,
And he owned the hill-tops
And the flowering valleys,
She'd be none the happier,
Happy little Alice.