

A Lucky Thing

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High
up in a hawthorn tree
a robin perched, where he could see
into a coop of wire and wood.
Inside the coop a farmer stood
flinging grain upon the ground.
Twelve fat chickens gathered round.

The robin,
singing, cocked his head
and watched the chickens being fed.
He saw it was a lucky thing
to be a chicken: Farmers bring
you golden grain, scoop after scoop,
if you're a chicken in a coop—
a lovely coop with nesting boxes
safe from cats and crows and foxes.

The chickens
in the coop could see
the bird. They heard his melody
and clucked it was a lucky thing
to be a robin who could sing
a song upon a hawthorn tree.
They watched him through the woven
wire.
They saw him fly up high, and higher.

Twelve fat chickens
scratched the floor.
The farmer closed
and latched
the door.

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1. Which **best** describes the theme of the poem?
- A Envy is a destructive emotion.
 - B Freedom is better than security.
 - C Things are not appreciated until they are gone.
 - D People often wish for things that others have.
2. How does the author make her point in the poem?
- A by showing what the farmer sees
 - B by suggesting what the birds are thinking
 - C by explaining how attractive the coop is
 - D by describing what the birds are eating
3. What is the robin's attitude about the chickens?
- A He is surprised by them.
 - B He feels envy toward them.
 - C He thinks they are lazy.
 - D He is proud of them.
4. According to the information in the poem, which relationship is **most similar** to the relationship below?
- robin : hawthorn tree
- A foxes : nesting boxes
 - B farmer : golden grain
 - C chicken : coop
 - D cats : foxes
5. Which is **most similar** to the situation described in the poem?
- A A dog wishes to catch the neighbor's cat.
 - B A squirrel hopes to gather enough food for winter.
 - C A cow wishes to run free with the wild horses.
 - D An insect hopes to escape being eaten by a frog.

End of Set

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