

Classic poetry: 'Some One'

Some one came knocking
At my wee, small door;
Some one came knocking,
I'm sure-sure-sure;
I listened, I opened,
I looked to left and right,
But nought there was a-stirring



In the still dark night;
Only the busy beetle
Tap-tapping in the wall,
Only from the forest
The screech-owl's call,
Only the cricket whistling
While the dewdrops fall,
So I know not who came knocking,
At all, at all, at all.



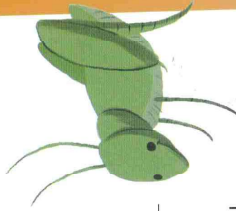
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Get started

Copy the lines and complete them using words from the poem.

- Someone came _____ At my wee, small _____;
- I listened, I opened, I looked to _____ and _____,
- Only the busy _____ Tap-tapping in the _____,
- Only the cricket _____ While the _____ fall,



Try these

Ask a teacher for help with any words in the poem you do not know. Write a sentence to answer each question.

- What was tapping in the wall?
- What was calling in the forest?
- Why did the speaker of the poem open the door?
- How do you think the speaker of the poem feels? Why do you think this?

