

Name _____

From a Railway Carriage

DIRECTIONS: Read the poem out loud. Answer the questions.

Faster than fairies, faster than witches,
Bridges and houses, hedges and ditches;
And charging along like troops in a battle
All through the meadows the horses and cattle:
All of the sights of the hill and the plain
Fly as thick as driving rain;
And ever again, in the wink of an eye,
Painted stations whistle by.
Here is a child who clammers and scrambles,
All by himself and gathering brambles;
Here is a tramp who stands and gazes;
And there is the green for stringing the daisies
Here is a cart run away in the road
Lumping along with man and load;
And here is a mill, and there is a river:
Each a glimpse and gone forever!

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1. What is the speaker in the poem doing? _____

- A. riding a bike B. taking a walk C. riding in a train

2. The main idea of this poem is that: _____

- A. the train is moving very fast
B. the train is travelling very far
C. there are a lot of different things in the world
D. the boy is in a hurry to get somewhere

3. How many rhyming pairs are there in the poem? _____

- A. 6
B. 8
C. 10

4. What is the rhyme scheme of the poem? _____

- A. AABBCCDDEEFFGGHH
B. ABABCDCDEFEFHGHH

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ANSWERS

1. C
2. A
3. B
4. A