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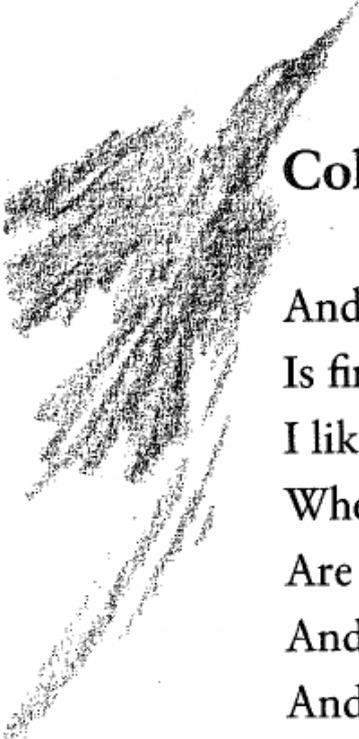
Solo Verse Speaking, Non-Open

Primary 5, Girls

Colouring in by Jan Dean

The Big Amazing Poetry Book – Chosen by Gaby Morgan, page 74
Macmillan Children's Books ISBN 9781529099096

- First line: And staying inside the lines
- Last line: Part of the place.



Colouring in

And staying inside the lines

Is fine, but . . .

I like it when stuff leaks –

When the blue bird and the blue sky

Are just one blur of blue blue flying,

And the feeling of the feathers in the air

And the wind along the blade of wing

Is a long gash of smudgy colour.

I like it when the flowers and the sunshine

Puddle red and yellow into orange,

The way the hot sun on my back

Lulls me – muddles me – sleepy

In the scented garden,

Makes me part of the picture . . .

Part of the place.



Jan Dean

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Solo Verse Speaking, Non-Open**Primary 5, Girls*****Someone by Walter de la Mare***

A Poem for Every Autumn Day – Edited by Allie Esiri, page 132

Macmillan Children's Books ISBN 9781529045222

- First line: Someone came knocking
- Last line: At all, at all, at all.
- (The lines beneath the title not to be recited.)

Someone

The narrator of this poem is roused from his sleep by a knock at the door but, when he goes to answer, he realizes that there is nobody there. The descriptions of the natural world outside the door, however, suggests that the narrator is not really alone, as the nocturnal world is full of creatures.

Someone came knocking
 At my wee, small door;
 Someone 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.

Walter de la Mare

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Primary 5, Girls

This Is Where... by James Carter

The Big Amazing Poetry Book – Chosen by Gaby Morgan, page 141
Macmillan Children's Books ISBN 9781529099096

- First line: ...I learned to be.
- Last line: And this is where? My primary school.

This Is Where . . .

. . . I learned to be.

And this is where I learned to read,
and write and count and act in plays,
and blossom in so many ways . . .

And this is where I learned to sing,
express myself, and really think.

And this is where I learned to dream,
to wonder why and what things mean.

And this is where I learned to care,
to make good friends, to give, to share,
to kick, to catch, to race, to run.

This is where I had such fun.

And this is where I grew and grew.
And this is where? My primary school.



James Carter