***Abbie Farwell Brown,*** *(08/21/1871-03/05/1927) New England writer and poet, was born in Boston, Massachussetts. She was a top student in grade school who founded her school’s newspaper,* The Jabberwock*. She attended Radcliffe College upon graduation. Brown continued on to be a prolific writer, editor, and poet in her community and lived in Beacon Hill for her entire life.*

***Friends***

*b*y Abbie Farwell Brown

How good to lie a little **while**

And look up through the **tree**!

The Sky is **like** a kind big **smile**

Bent sweetly over **me**.

The **Sunshine** flickers through the lace

Of leaves above my head,

**And kisses me upon the face**

Like Mother, before bed.

The Wind comes stealing o'er the grass

To whisper pretty things;

And though I cannot see him pass,

I feel his careful wings.

So many gentle Friends are near

Whom one can scarcely see,

A child should never feel a fear,

Wherever he may be.

Quiz Answers:

1. Review the first stanza. Write in the rhyme scheme below.

**A B A B**

1. Reread the third line of the first stanza: *The Sky is like a kind big smile.* This line is an example of what literary devices?
   1. Metaphor
   2. **Simile**
   3. Alliteration
   4. Personification
2. Reread the third line of the second stanza: *And kisses me upon the face*. This line is an example of what literary device?
   1. Metaphor
   2. Simile
   3. Alliteration
   4. **Personification**
3. When analyzing the poem, what is the common theme or lesson?
   1. How to make friends
   2. How to be a good friend
   3. **Finding and using comfort with nature as a friend**
   4. Finding and using comfort with family as friends

*Common Core Tip: What evidence did you find in the poem that helped you identify the common theme or lesson?*