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Friends

by 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

2. 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?

- a. Metaphor
- b. Simile**
- c. Alliteration
- d. Personification

3. Reread the third line of the second stanza: *And kisses me upon the face*. This line is an example of what literary device?

- a. Metaphor
- b. Simile
- c. Alliteration
- d. Personification**

4. When analyzing the poem, what is the common theme or lesson?

- a. How to make friends
- b. How to be a good friend
- c. Finding and using comfort with nature as a friend**
- d. 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?