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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?*