

## The Kite

All of us like to fly kites. Have you ever tried to fly one? Read this poem about a kite as it flies in the sky.

*How bright on the blue  
Is a kite when it's new!  
With a dive and a dip  
It snaps its tail  
Then soars like a ship  
With only a sail  
As over tides  
Of wind it rides,  
Climbs to the crest  
Of a gust and pulls,  
Then seems to rest  
As wind falls.  
When string goes slack  
You wind it back  
And run until  
A new breeze blows  
And its wings fill  
And up it goes!  
How bright on the blue  
Is a kite when it's new!  
But a raggeder thing  
You never will see  
When it flaps on a string  
In the top of a tree.*

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**WORKING WITH THE POEM**

1. List out the action words in the poem.

dive, dip, snaps, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,  
\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_

Find out the meanings of these words.

2. Read these lines from the poem:

Then soars like a ship  
With only a sail

The movement of the tailless kite is compared to a ship with a sail. This is called a **simile**. Can you suggest what or who the following actions may be compared to?

He runs like \_\_\_\_\_

He eats like \_\_\_\_\_

She sings like \_\_\_\_\_

It shines like \_\_\_\_\_

It flies like \_\_\_\_\_

3. Try to make a kite with your friends. Collect the things required such as colour paper/newspaper, thread, glue, a thin stick that can be bent. After making the kite see if you can fly it.