

Sumba's Adventure



*It's time for an adventure now
So when I rise from bed
I hope to make this normal day
Adventurous instead.*

*Rather than going left today
Perhaps I'll take a right
And follow where the road may lead
I'll wander 'til it's night.*

*If any fences, gates or walls
Should rise in front of me
I'll hurdle them with such a bound
And see what I can see!*

*What special places could I find
If I should walk for miles?
If any strangers I should meet
I'll greet them with a smile!*

*Through luscious forests I could roam
Or golden hills so tall
I'll stroll beside some mighty streams
And bathe by waterfalls*



*I think of distant mountains tops
That touch the crimson sky
Imagine deep and eerie caves
Where sleeping dragons lie...*

*...But dragons will mean danger though
And troubles lay ahead
Not everything is nice and kind
There may be things I dread!*

*There may be hungry wolves and bears
That want to feast on me
And lurking spiders with their webs
Could string me up for tea*

*Perhaps there will be goblin folk
That cut and stab and thrust.
They've burnt the grass that once was green
And turned the land to dust....*

*Well...I've thought about adventuring
Whilst lying in my bed
I think I'll stay here snoozing now
And dream of them instead.*

- Anonymous

Meanings in context

luscious forests	:	forests full of rich and tasty fruits
crimson sky	:	deep red sky
eerie	:	strange and frightening
lurking	:	waiting to be seen
whilst	:	old usage of while
snoozing	:	taking a short sleep
goblin folk	:	ugly, short creatures generally found in folktales



- thrust : to push or drive quickly and forcefully
- dread : to fear
- dragon : an imaginary large reptile having a long tail, sharp claws, and often wings
- stroll : to walk in a slow relaxed manner, especially for pleasure



Comprehension

I. Answer the following questions.

1. What places does Sumba imagine in the poem?
2. What creatures does Sumba imagine in the poem?
3. Are Sumba's adventures real? Or is s/he just day dreaming? Pick out the words/phrases from the poem in support of your answer.
4. Would you like to only dream of an adventure, or experience it in reality?
5. What are the dreadful things that Sumba talks about?
6. List the qualities necessary for an adventure as suggested in the poem. Which of these qualities, according to you, did Sumba have?

II. Read the passage given below and answer the questions.

*“If any fences, gates or walls
Should rise in front of me
I'll hurdle them with such a bound
And see what I can see!”*

1. 'fences, gates and walls' in these lines refer to _____.
a. opportunities b. challenges c. bad luck
2. Sumba plans to 'hurdle' them.
'Hurdle' here means _____.
a. welcome b. jump over c. overcome
3. By 'and see what I can see' the author wants to say _____.
a. I will explore as much as I can
b. I will look beyond my wall as far as I can
c. I want to see the road across the wall