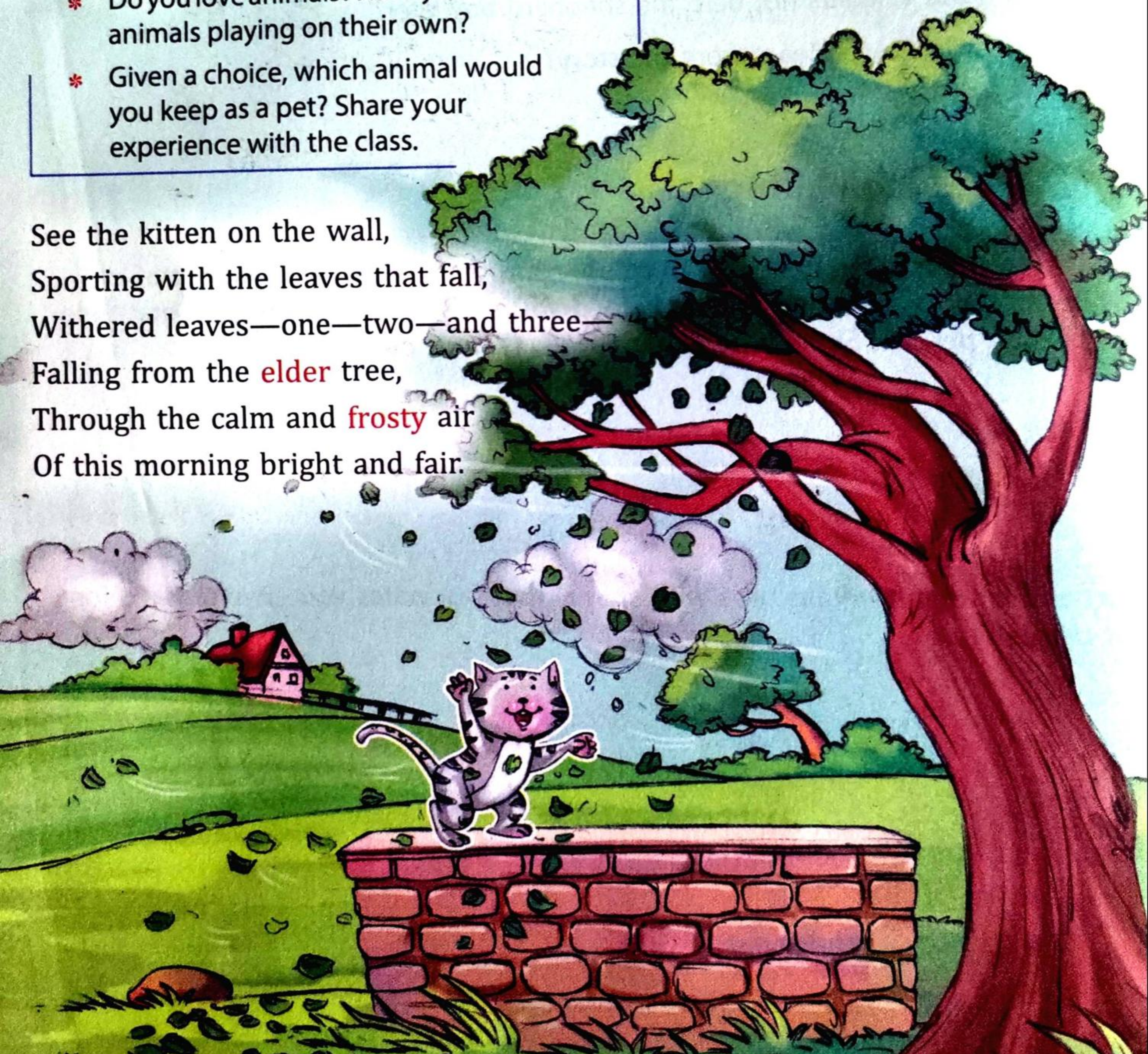


# The Kitten at Play

## Getting Started

- \* Do you love animals? Have you observed animals playing on their own?
- \* Given a choice, which animal would you keep as a pet? Share your experience with the class.

See the kitten on the wall,  
Sporting with the leaves that fall,  
Withered leaves—one—two—and three—  
Falling from the **elder** tree,  
Through the calm and **frosty** air  
Of this morning bright and fair.



See the kitten, how she starts,  
Crouches, stretches, paws, and darts!  
First at one, and then its fellow,  
Just as light and just as yellow.  
With a tiger-leap half-way  
Now she meets her coming prey,  
Lets it go as fast, and then  
Has it in her power again.

Now she works with three and four,  
Like an Indian conjurer;  
Quick as he in feats of art,  
Far beyond in joy of heart.  
Yet were gazing thousands there,  
What would little Tabby care?

—William Wordsworth



## About the Poet

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William Wordsworth (1770–1850) is regarded as the greatest of the Romantic poets. He resided in the Lake District of England and his poetry is a reflection of his worship of Nature. Some of his famous poems are: The Solitary Reaper, We Are Seven, the Lucy Poems and Prelude.

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Chapter 4

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Inside Questions Answers

1) What is the name of the kitten in the poem?

→ The name of the kitten in the poem is Tabby.

2) What is the kitten's prey?

→ The falling leaves ~~are~~ <sup>are</sup> the kitten's prey. ↑

3) How is the morning according to the poet?

→ According to the poet, the morning is bright and fair but calm and cold.

4) 'Yet were gazing thousands there,' -  
Who does 'thousands' refer to?  
What were ~~thousands~~<sup>they</sup> gazing?

→ 'Thousands' refers to the onlookers who had gathered there.

~~Thousands~~ They were gazing at the ~~cat~~ kitten's playing boisterously with the falling leaves.

5) 'What would little Tabby care?' -  
What does this line 'tell us' about the kitten?

→ This line tells us that ~~the~~ little Tabby does not care about the onlookers who ~~were~~ are gazing at ~~her~~ her while she is playing boisterously with the falling leaves.

6) Why is the kitten happy?

→ The kitten can play with the falling leaves joyfully. So the kitten is happy.

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A new chapter will be discussed  
in the next English 2 class.

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