

“Life Doesn’t Frighten Me”

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Directions: Read through the poem. In the blanks next to the poem, you write the number of the **line**. Every fifth line is a **stanza**. Circle the stanza number. Now read through the poem. Once you’ve finished give a thumbs up on your desk.

1 Shadows on the wall
__ Noises down the hall
__ Life doesn't frighten me at all
__ Bad dogs barking loud
__ Big ghosts in a cloud
__ Life doesn't frighten me at all

__ Mean old Mother Goose
__ Lions on the loose
__ They don't frighten me at all
__ Dragons breathing flame
__ On my counterpane
__ That doesn't frighten me at all.

__ I go boo
__ Make them shoo
__ I make fun
__ Way they run
__ I won't cry
__ So they fly
__ I just smile
__ They go wild
__ Life doesn't frighten me at all.

__ Tough guys fight
__ All alone at night
__ Life doesn't frighten me at all.
__ Panthers in the park
__ Strangers in the dark
__ No, they don't frighten me at all.

__ That new classroom where
__ Boys all pull my hair
__ (Kissy little girls
__ With their hair in curls)
__ They don't frighten me at all.



__ Don't show me frogs and snakes
__ And listen for my scream,
__ If I'm afraid at all
__ It's only in my dreams.
__ I've got a magic charm
__ That I keep up my sleeve
__ I can walk the ocean floor
__ And never have to breathe.



__ Life doesn't frighten me at all
__ Not at all
__ Not at all.
__ Life doesn't frighten me at all.



Questions:

What is the mood of the poem?

What is the theme of the poem?

What is repeated throughout the poem?

What words are rhymed throughout the poem?