

The Clothes Line

Hand in hand they dance in a row,
Hither and thither, and to and fro,
Flip! Flap! Flop! And away they go
Flutt'ring creatures as white as snow,



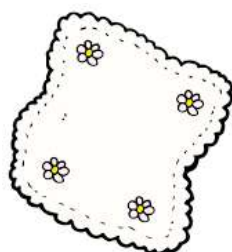
Like restive horses they caper and prance;
Like fairy-tale witches they wildly dance;
Rounded in front, but hollow behind,
They shiver and skip in the merry March wind.



One I saw dancing excitedly,
Struggling so wildly till she was free,
Then, leaving pegs and clothesline behind her,
I saw her gleam, like a sail, in the sun,
Flipping and flapping and flopping for fun.



Nobody knows where she now can be,
Hid in a ditch, or drowned in the sea.
She was my handkerchief not long ago,
But she'll never come back to my pocket, I know.



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Meanings:

1. **clothes line** – a thin rope that you hung clothes on so that they can dry
2. **restive** – restless, unable to remain still
3. **caper** – leap, skip or dance about in a lively, playful manner
4. **prance** – move with high steps
5. **wildly** – here it means very hard, cruelly
6. **pegs** – clips to hold clothes
7. **hollow** – with a hole or empty space inside
8. **flutt'ring** – to move or make something move quickly and lightly
9. **gleam** – a soft light that shine for a short time
10. **ditch** – a narrow channel dug at the side of a road

II. Similies: **Similes are used in literature to make writing more dramatic and powerful. In everyday speech, they can be used to convey meaning quickly and effectively. A simile is a comparison of two things using the words 'like' or 'as'.**

like	as
As cute as a kitten As light as a feather As blind as a bat As cold as ice As cool as a cucumber As hard as nails As innocent as a lamb As tall as a giraffe As sweet as sugar As black as coal	You were as brave as a lion. They fought like cats and dogs. He is as strong as an ox. Your explanation is as clear as mud. They are as different as night and day. Last night, I slept like a log. This dress is perfect because it fits like a glove. Our soldiers are as brave as a lion. He is as funny as a monkey. He is as cunning as a fox.