



## Essential Question

**What excites us about nature?**



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# Nature!

Nature can be very exciting! This whale jumps out of the ocean many times a day. Some people write poems about what they see in nature. There are lots of nature topics to write about.

- ▶ The Outdoors
- ▶ The Seasons
- ▶ Living Things

## Talk About It



Talk with a partner about what excites you about nature. List your ideas on the chart.



# Vocabulary

Use the picture and sentence to learn each word.



**pale**

Sam enjoyed looking at the **pale** yellow flowers.

What is the opposite of pale?



**drops**

There are **drops** of water on the plant.

Where else have you seen drops of water?



**excite**

The dancers will **excite** the audience.

What can excite you when you go outside?



**outdoors**

We played soccer **outdoors**.

Name something you can do outdoors that you cannot do inside.



# Poetry Words

## alliteration

I like to read a poem with **alliteration** because I like to say the same beginning sound in words.

*Say three words with the same beginning sound.*

## repetition

Poets who repeat words or phrases in a poem are using **repetition**.

*Why might a poet want to use repetition in a poem?*

## free verse

In **free verse**, the words do not need to rhyme.

*Which would you rather write, a free verse or rhyming poem? Tell why.*

## simile

“Bill was as fast as a cricket” is an example of a **simile** because it uses the word *as* to compare two unlike things.

*Name the two things that are being compared.*

## Your Turn

COLLABORATE



Pick three words and write a question about each for your partner to answer.

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# Snow Shape

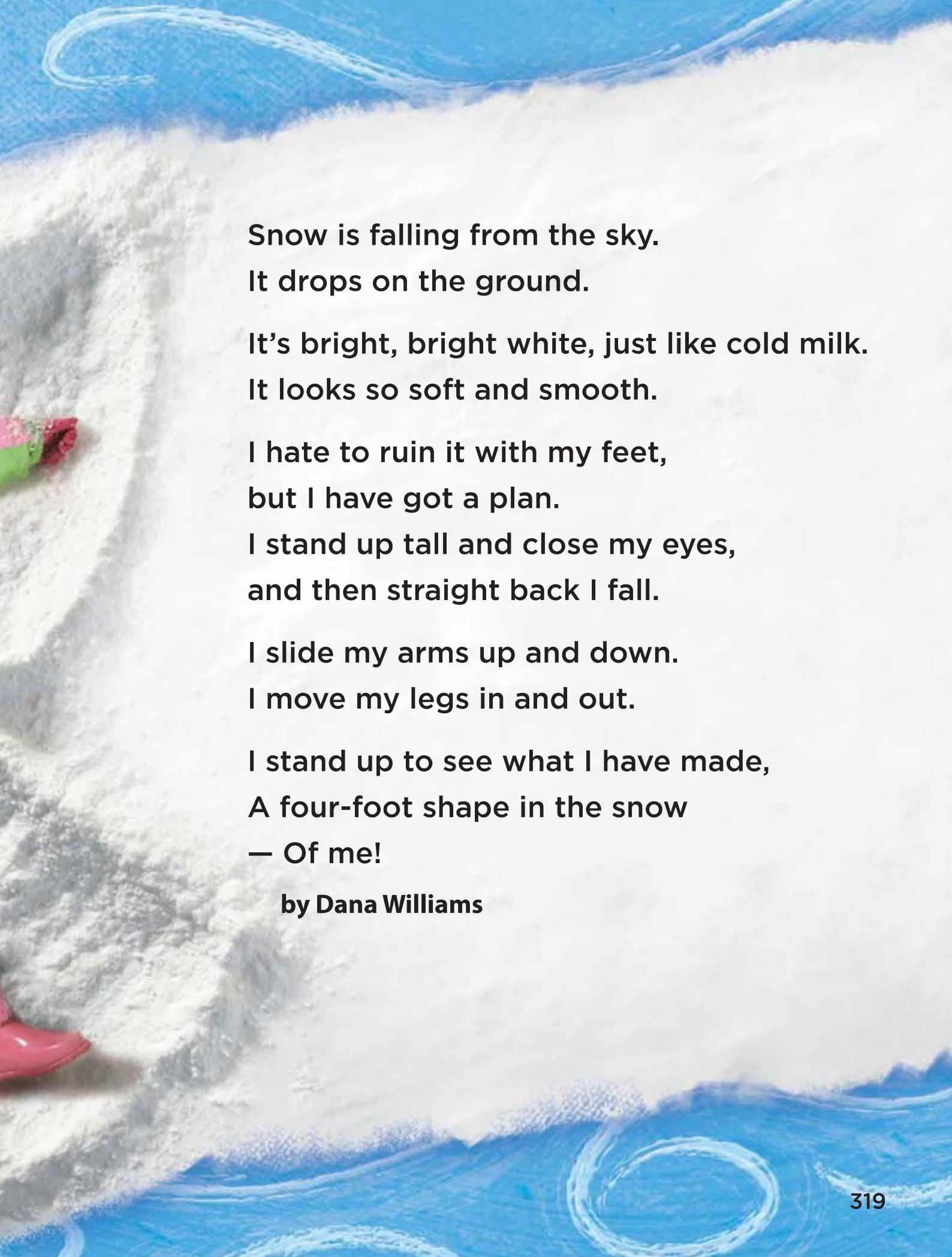


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Read how poets describe things in nature.





Snow is falling from the sky.  
It drops on the ground.

It's bright, bright white, just like cold milk.  
It looks so soft and smooth.

I hate to ruin it with my feet,  
but I have got a plan.

I stand up tall and close my eyes,  
and then straight back I fall.

I slide my arms up and down.  
I move my legs in and out.

I stand up to see what I have made,  
A four-foot shape in the snow  
— Of me!

**by Dana Williams**

# Nature Walk

When you take a walk in the fall, leaves are like a blanket on the ground. They crunch under your feet with each step you take.

When you take a walk in the fall, the temperature begins to drop. The air feels as cool as raindrops on your cheek. It smells like clean cotton towels.

When you take a walk in the fall, the outdoors will excite you. It's a wonderful time!

by Sarah Miller





# In the Sky

Outdoors on a clear day,  
look up in the sky.  
What do you see there?  
Look! I see a giant polar bear.  
Look! I see a pale flower growing.  
Look! I see a buffalo and her baby.  
Wait...it's changing.  
Now I see a cowboy on his horse  
Galloping, galloping across the sky.  
I wonder where he'll ride?

by Juanita Marco

## Make Connections



Talk about how nature excites the poet of each poem. **ESSENTIAL QUESTION**

Which poem do you like the most? How does it excite you about nature? **TEXT TO SELF**