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Poem

The Tale of Custard the Dragon

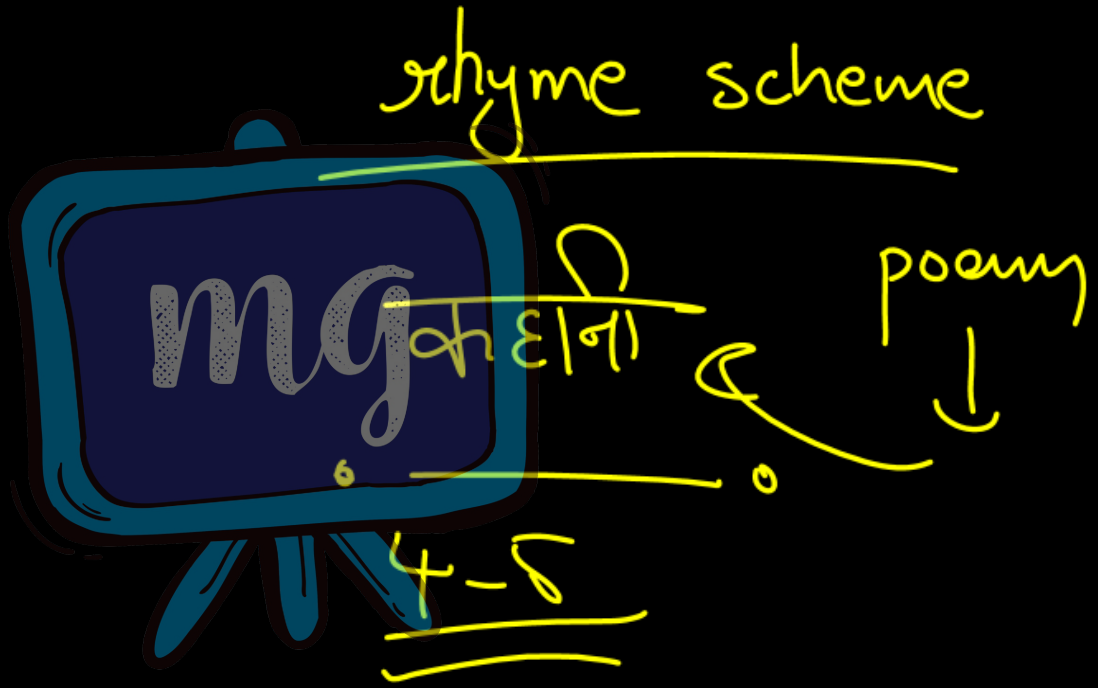
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कहानी बताने लिए कविता / गीत का प्रयोग करते है।

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Ogden Nash

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Ogden Nash was an American poet well known for his light verse, of which he wrote more than 500 pieces.

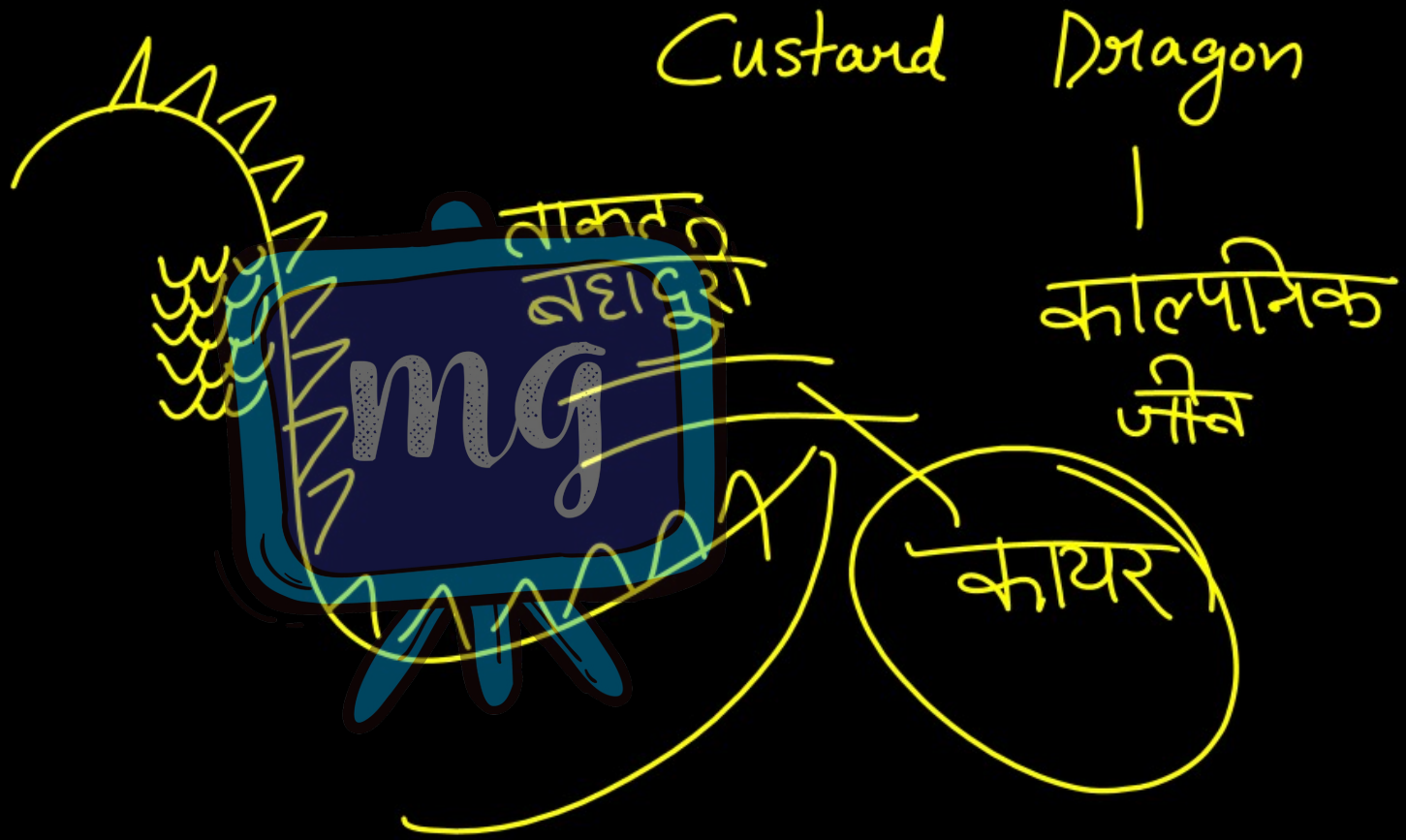
About the poem

This playful ballad tells the story of a supposedly cowardly pet dragon named Custard who surprisingly saves his brave household from a fierce pirate.

~ Ogden Nash

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THE TALE OF CUSTARD THE DRAGON

Characters

1. Belinda — Owner
2. Ink —
3. Blink —
4. Mustard —
5. Custard —

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POEM

Belinda lived in a little white house,
With a little black kitten and a little grey mouse,
And a little yellow dog and a little red wagon,
And a realio, trulio, little pet dragon.

- Realio, Trulio : वास्तव में, सचमुच
- Wagon : गाड़ी
- Dragon : अजगर


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Belinda

Small white house



Kitten

mouse

dog

wagon

dragon

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POEM

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Now the name of the little black kitten was Ink,

And the little grey mouse, she called him Blink,

And the little yellow dog was sharp as Mustard,

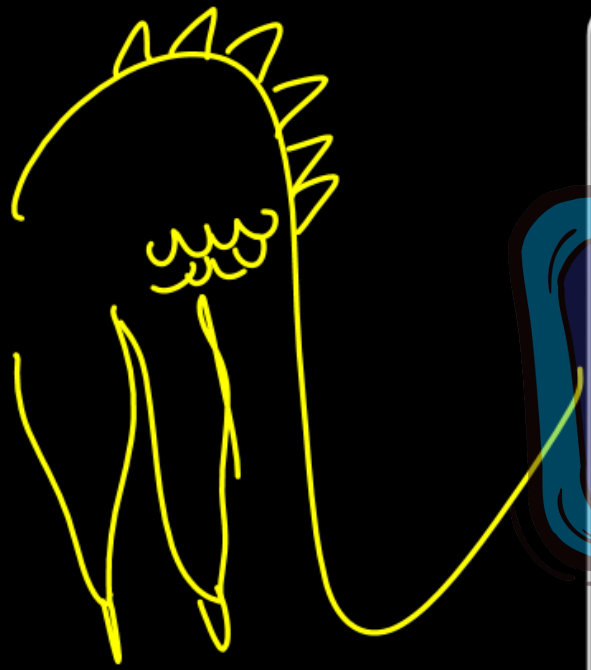
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But the dragon was a coward, and she called him Custard.

- Sharp : तेज, चतुर
- Coward : कायर

सही तेज़

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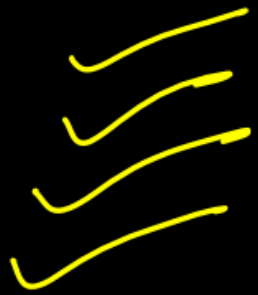


POEM

Custard the dragon had big sharp teeth,
And spikes on top of him
and scales underneath,
Mouth like a fireplace, chimney for a nose,
And realio, trulio daggers on his toes.

- Spikes : नुकीले कांटे
- Daggers : कटार, खंजर
- Scales : पपड़ीदार खाल
- Toes : पैर की उंगलियां

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Cage Safe

POEM

बहादुर

Belinda was as brave as
a barrel full of bears,
And Ink and Blink chased
lions down the stairs,
Mustard was as brave as a tiger in a rage,
But Custard cried for a nice safe cage.

पीपा करन

सीढ़ियां

- Barrel : पीपा, कनस्तर
- Cage : पिंजरा
- Rage : गुस्सा

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Knight

POEM

Belinda tickled him,
she tickled him unmerciful,
Ink, Blink and Mustard,
they rudely called him Percival,
They all sat laughing in the little red wagon
At the realio, trulio, cowardly dragon

- Tickled : गुदगुदी की
- Unmerciful : निर्दयता से
- Rudely : असभ्य रूप से
- Cowardly : कायर

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POEM

Belinda giggled till she shook the house,
And Blink said Weeck!
which is giggling for a mouse,
Ink and Mustard rudely asked his age,
When Custard cried for a nice safe cage.

Giggled : खिलखिलाकर हँसना

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Weeck

Sound — giggling

टप - टप

टन - टन

म्याऊँ

Meow

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POEM

Suddenly, suddenly they heard a nasty sound,
And Mustard growled,
and they all looked around.
Meowch! cried Ink, and ooh! cried Belinda,
For there was a pirate, climbing in the winda.

- Nasty : अप्रिय, गंदा
- Pirate : समुद्री डाकू
- Growled : गुर्राया
- Winda : खिड़की

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POEM

Pistol in his left hand, pistol in his right,
And he held in his teeth a cutlass bright,
His beard was black, one leg was wood;
It was clear that the pirate meant no good.

साफ था की इसके इरादे अच्छे नहीं है

- Cutlass : छोटी तलवार
- Beard : दाढ़ी

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POEM

डर गई रोने मदद

Belinda paled, and she cried Help! Help! But

Mustard fled with a terrified yelp,

डरी हुई चीखों के साथ भाग गया

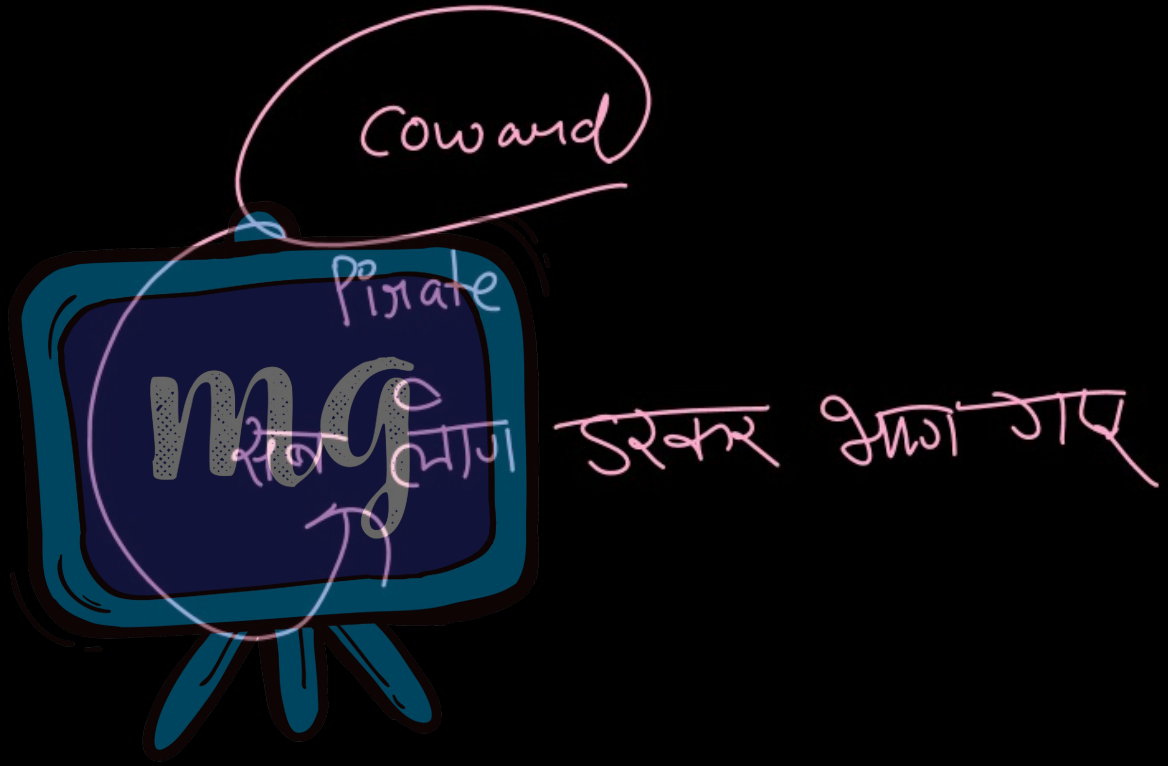
Ink trickled down to the bottom of the household,

And little mouse Blink strategically moused.

- Paled : पीली पड़ गई
- Fled : भाग गया
- Terrified : डरा हुआ
- Yelp : चीख
- Trickled : रिसना, बहना
- Strategically : रणनीतिक रूप से
- Mousehole : चूहे का बिल

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POEM

कूद पड़ा

But up jumped Custard, snorting like an engine,

खड़खड़ाने की आवाज़

Clashed his tail like irons in a dungeon,

खनक (आवाज़)

With a clatter and a clank and a jangling squirm,

He went at the pirate like a robin at a worm.

- Snorting : खर्राटे लेना, नाक से आवाज़ निकालना
- Dungeon : तहखाना
- Jangling : झनझनाहट
- Clatter : खड़खड़ाना
- Squirm : छटपटाना
- Clank : खनक

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POEM

The pirate gaped at Belinda's dragon,
And gulped some grog from his pocket flagon,

He fired two bullets, but they didn't hit,
And Custard gobbled him, every bit.

- Gaped : मुँह खुला रह गया
- Gulped : गटक लिया
- Gobbled : चट कर गया, निगल गया
- Flagon : सुराही, बोतल
- Grog : शराब

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Now everything is back to normal.

POEM

Belinda embraced him, Mustard licked him,
No one mourned for his pirate victim.
Ink and Blink in glee did gyrate
Around the dragon that ate the pirate.

- Embraced : गले लगाया
- Mourned : शोक मनाया
- Victim : शिकार
- Glee : ख़ुशी
- Gyrate : गोल घूमना

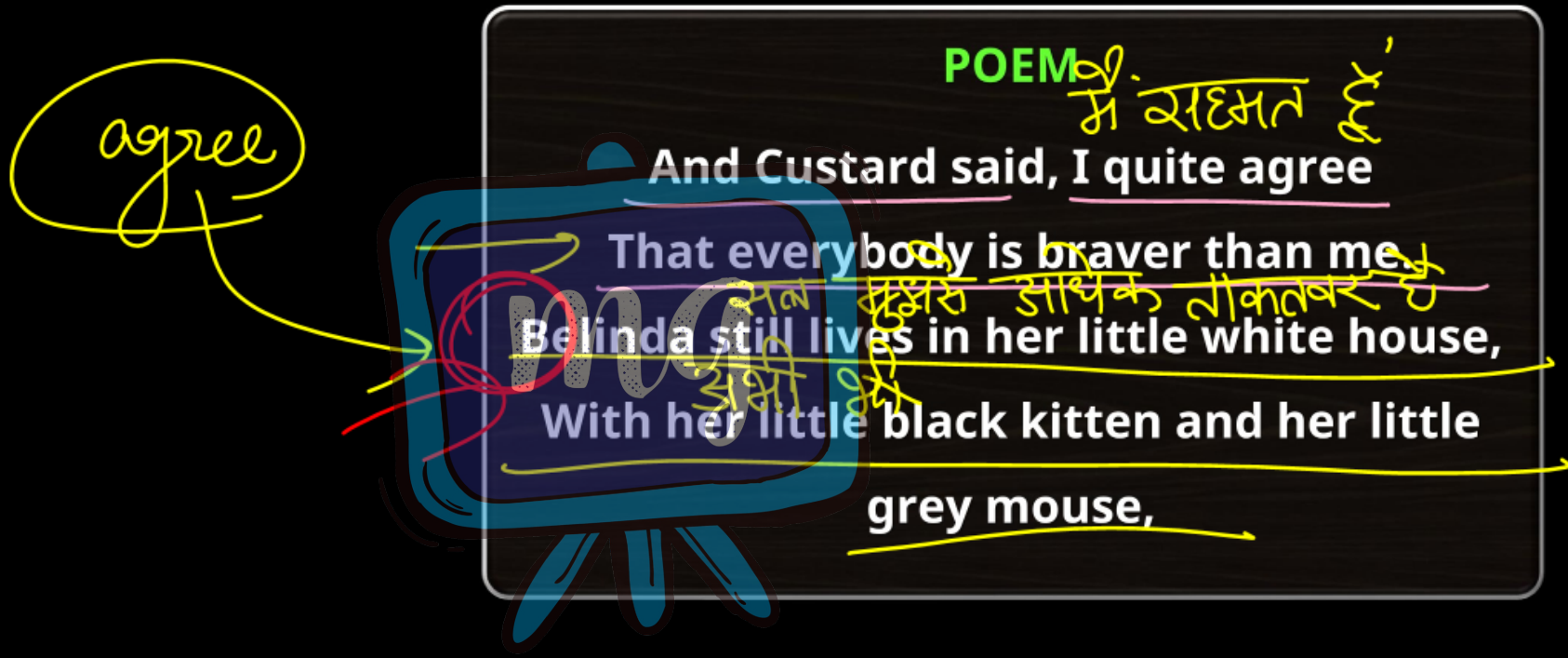
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POEM

But presently up spoke little dog Mustard,
I'd have been twice as brave
if I hadn't been flustered.
And up spoke Ink and up spoke Blink,
We'd have been three times
as brave, we think,

- Presently : तुरंत, थोड़ी देर बाद
- Flustered : घबराया हुआ

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POEM

And her little yellow dog and her little red wagon, And her realio,
trulio little pet dragon.
Belinda is as brave as a barrel full of bears,
And Ink and Blink chase lions down the stairs,

- Wagon : गाड़ी
- Chase : पीछा करना
- Dragon : अजगर

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POEM

Mustard is as brave as
a tiger in a rage,
But Custard keeps crying
for a nice safe cage.

✈ Rage : गुस्सा ✈ Cage : पिंजरा

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POETIC DEVICES

- **Rhyme Scheme** : The poem is written in rhyming couplets within four-line stanzas, following the strict rhyme scheme of AABB throughout every stanza (e.g., house/mouse, wagon/dragon).

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- **Alliteration :** The intentional repetition of consonant sounds at the beginning of nearby words appears frequently :
  - "sharp stash" / "spikes on top of him and scales underneath"
  - "clatter and a clank"
  - "brave as a barrel full of bears"
  - "tickled him, she tickled him“

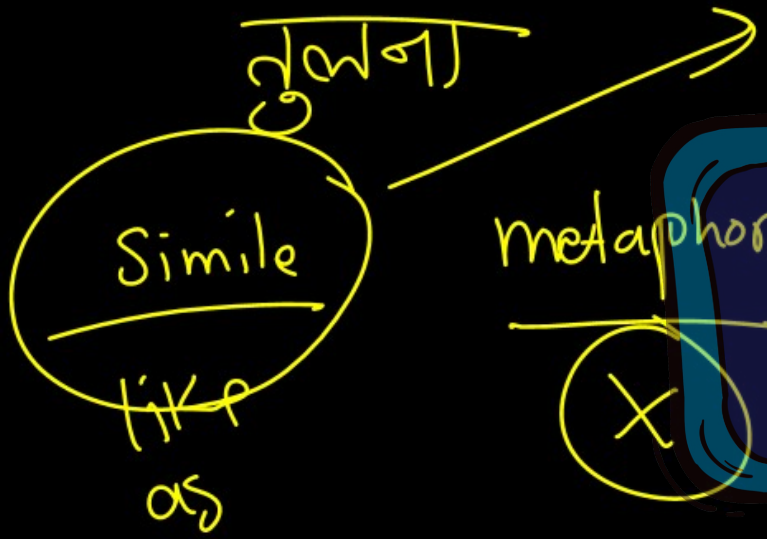
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- **Anaphora :** The deliberate repetition of a word or phrase at the beginning of consecutive lines or sentences :
  - "And a little black kitten... And a little grey mouse,/ And a little yellow dog... And a realio, trulio..."
  - "Suddenly, suddenly they heard a nasty sound"

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- **Repetition :** The reuse of specific words or phrases for emphasis, musicality, and humorous effect :
  - "realio, trulio" (repeated across multiple stanzas as a whimsical nonsense phrase)
  - "Help! Help!"
  - "Suddenly, suddenly"
  - "a nice safe cage"

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- **Simile :** Direct comparisons between two different things using the words "like" or "as":
  - "brave as a barrel full of bears"
  - "brave as a tiger in a rage"
  - "Mouth like a fireplace, chimney for a nose"
  - "snorting like an engine"
  - "went at the pirate like a robin at a worm"

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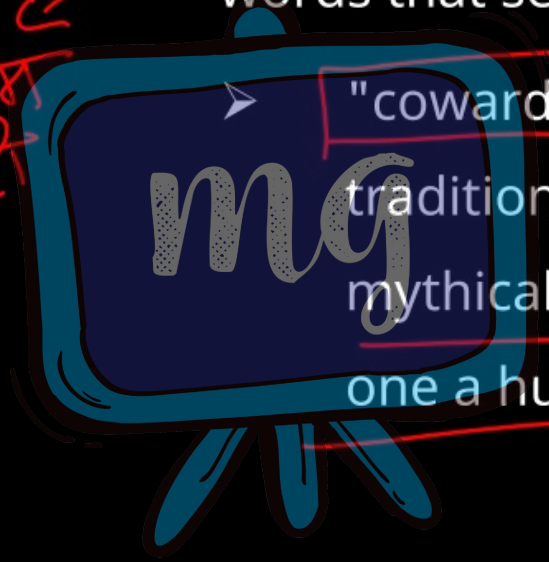
- **Metaphor :** Implicit comparisons where one thing is described as being another :
  - "sharp as Mustard" (attributing the quality of sharpness directly)
  - "daggers on his toes" (comparing his sharp toenails to daggers)

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- **Onomatopoeia :** Words that imitate the natural sounds of things or actions :
  - "Weeck!" (the sound of the mouse giggling)
  - "Meowch!" (the cat's cry of alarm)
  - "Growled"
  - "Yelp"
  - "Clatter", "clank", "jangling" (metallic sound effects)
  - "Snorting"

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- **Oxymoron :** A figure of speech containing words that seem to contradict each other :
  - "cowardly dragon" (dragons are traditionally fierce and terrifying mythical beasts, making a cowardly one a humorous contradiction)



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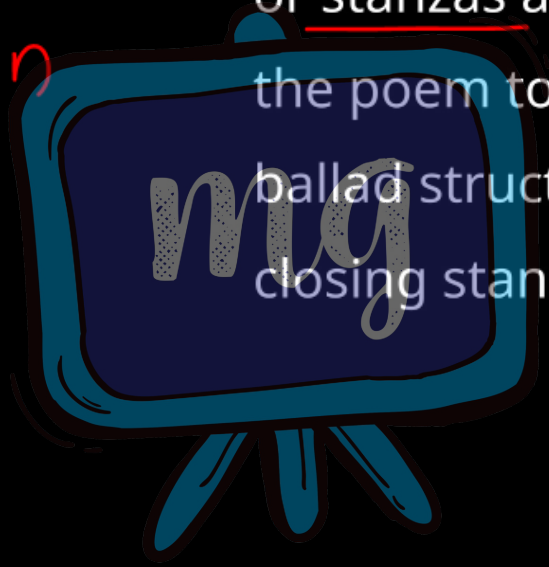
- **Allusion :** Indirect references used to build exaggerated imagery or humor :
  - "Percival" (alluding to Sir Percival, a legendary knight of King Arthur's Round Table known for chivalry, used mockingly here)

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- **Refrain :** The repetition of entire lines or stanzas at the beginning and end of the poem to create a circular, song-like ballad structure (the opening and closing stanzas are nearly identical).

Refrain

Stanza



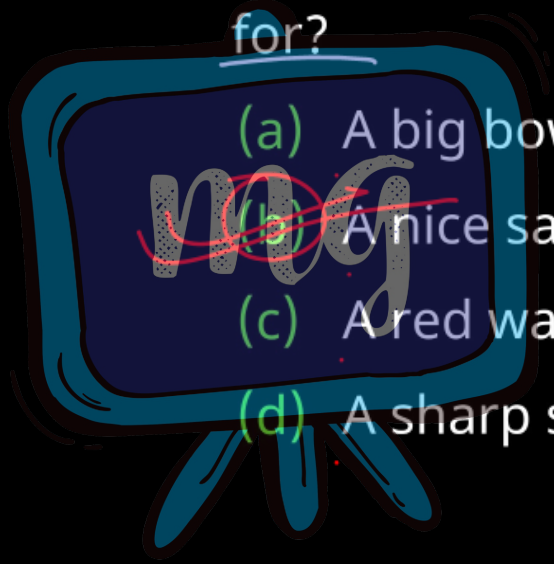
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THEMES

- Appearances Can Be Deceptive धोखा
- True Courage vs. False Boasting
- Underestimation of the Quiet and Meek
- Loyalty and Protection
- Humor and Parody

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1. What did Custard the dragon always cry for?



(a) A big bowl of meat

(b) A nice safe cage

(c) A red wagon

(d) A sharp sword

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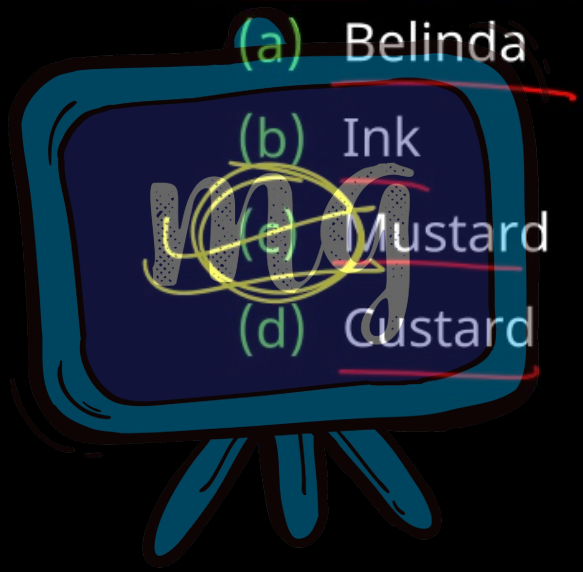
2. Who was brave like a tiger in a rage?

(a) Belinda

(b) Ink

(c) Mustard

(d) Custard



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3. What happened to the pirate in the end?

(a) He ran away into the woods

(b) He climbed back out the window

(c) Custard gobbled him up, every bit

(d) He became friends with everyone

