Card 21 - St. Nicholas

Jolly old St. Nicholas,
Lean your ear this way!
Don't you tell a single soul,
What I'm going to say;
Christmas Eve is coming soon;
Now, you dear old man,
Whisper what you'll bring to me:
Tell me if you can.

When the clock is striking twelve,
When I'm fast asleep,
Down the chimney broad and black,
With your sack you'll creep;
All the stockings you will find
Hanging in a row;
Mine will be the shortest one,
You'll be sure to know.

Emily Huntington Miller, 1865

Questions

R **1.** In what year was this poem written?

R **2.** List all pairs of rhyming words in this poem.

U **3.** What does 'Lean your ear this way' mean?

A **4.** When do you think the first verse of this poem is set? How do you know?

A **5.** At what time will he come down the chimney? Why?

E **6.** Do you think the narrator has brothers or sisters? Why?

C **7.** Research the poem and write the third verse, then retell the poem's story as a comic strip.

Card 22 - Two Riddles

Riddle 1

There are lots of me all over the world;
Normally, I'm grey in colour and often curled.
I am a room you can have and a room you can eat;
My first part sounds like 'rush' but I have no feet.
What am I?

Riddle 2

We are everywhere! In a rainbow, even on your bed;
Sometimes we are blue or sometimes green instead.
We might be multi, yellow, red or pink;
But we disappear each time you blink.
What are we?

Questions

R **1.** What is different about the 'room' in the first riddle?

R **2.** List all of the pairs of rhyming words in both riddles.

U **3.** What does 'multi' mean in the second riddle?

A **4.** What does 'I have no feet' tell you about the answer to the first riddle?

A **5.** What does 'we disappear each time you blink' tell you about the answer to the second riddle?

E **6.** What is the answer to both of the riddles?

C **7.** Create your own riddle.