RAIN IN SUMMER

How beautiful is the rain!  
After the dust and heat,  
In the broad and fiery street,  
    In the narrow lane,  
How beautiful is the rain!

How it clatters along the roofs  
Like the tramp of hoofs!  
How it gushes and struggles out  
From the throat of the overflowing spout!

Across the window pane  
    It pours and pours;  
And swift and wide,  
    With a muddy tide,  
Like a river down the gutter roars  
The rain, the welcome rain!  
— H.W. Longfellow

To the Teacher
- Talk to your students about rain.  
- Read the poem aloud to them.  
- With actions and gestures make them understand the poem.
1. Do you like the rain? What do you do when it rains?
2. In which month(s) of the year does it rain in your area?
3. Why is the rain welcome?
4. Do you know a small song or a poem about rain in your mother tongue? Recite it in the class.

**Let’s Try This**

1. Circle the word that names the picture.

   - lane   line
   - duck    dock
   - fun   fan
   - boy    toy
   - well   wall
   - beak    book

**To the Teacher**

- Help the children answer the questions first in their mother tongue and then in English.