

Answers

Q: Why is the shadow little?

The person in the poem is a child.

V: - where are your heels?

At the back of your feet.

R: When does the person in the poem see their shadow jump before them?

When they jump into bed.

R: What is the funniest thing about the shadow?

The way he likes to grow.

Q: Why does this shadow grow faster than children?

It gets bigger and smaller depending on where light is coming from.

V: what is a 'notion'

To have a good or informed idea about something.

Q: How does the shadow embarrass the child?

It sticks too closely to them.

V: Find and copy a word that means a drop of moisture in the final stanza.

Dew

V: Define 'arrant'.

Utter/complete.

Q: Why does the shadow stay at home in the last stanza?

The sun wasn't up to make a shadow.

E: How can you tell this poem is from the perspective of a child?

It mentions doing childlike things/doesn't understand shadows/refers to its shadow as little.

P: Imagine if the author wrote a follow up poem ten years later. How might it be different?

Any justifiable answer but reference to the shadow being bigger or the poet having a deeper understanding of shadows would be good.

S: Summarise what the poem is about in one sentence.

Any justifiable summary.