

1. Rain in the Night



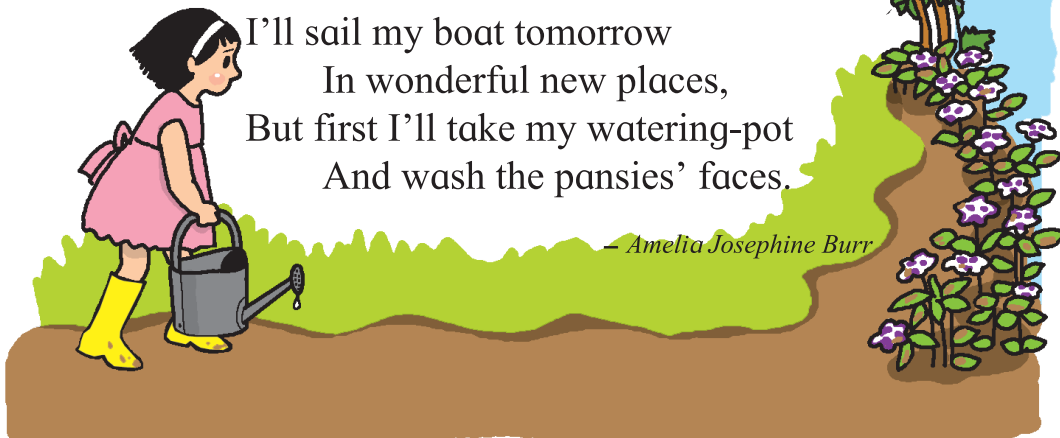
Raining, raining,
All night long;
Sometimes loud, sometimes soft,
Just like a song.

There'll be rivers in the gutters
And lakes along the street.
It will make our lazy kitty
Wash his little dirty feet.

The roses will wear diamonds
Like kings and queens at court;
But the pansies all get muddy
Because they are so short.

I'll sail my boat tomorrow
In wonderful new places,
But first I'll take my watering-pot
And wash the pansies' faces.

— Amelia Josephine Burr



- **gutters** : channels at the edge of a street that carry off water.
- **pansies** : small plants or their flowers. The flowers have purple, yellow or white velvety petals.

Things to do :

1. Answer the following questions :
 - (a) How long has it been raining ?
 - (b) What effect will the rain have on the following :
 - * kitty * roses * pansies
 - (c) What is the child planning to do the next day ?
2. Describe in 3-5 lines what happens when it rains in your surroundings.