



THE SQUIRREL

by Mildred Bower Armstrong

SUMMARY

The poem "The Squirrel" written by Mildred Bowers Armstrong describes the physical features of a squirrel. The poem talks about the food that the squirrel likes and its mischievous nature in a simple and musical manner.

Explanation

He wore a question mark for tail,
An overcoat of gray,
He sat up straight to eat a nut.
He liked to tease and play,
And if we ran around his tree,
He went the other way.

Explanation: The given lines present the physical description, activities done by and the behavior of a squirrel. It begins with the description of how the tail of the squirrel is shaped. According to the poet, the shape of a squirrel's tail is similar to a question mark. The squirrels' body is covered in gray coloured fur. He would sit with his back straight while eating a nut. He is also a very active creature as he likes to tease and play around. When people run around the tree to catch the squirrel, he would go to the other side to escape being caught. This shows the cheerful and mischievous nature of the squirrel.

Word – Meaning

Word	Meaning
Overcoat	a long warm coat
Tease	to poke, fun at in a playful way