**Literary devices**

**1. Rhyme scheme**   
Stanza 1 - ababccaa   
Stanza 2 - ababccbb   
Stanza 3, 4, 5 - ababccdd

**2. Alliteration**- The repetition of a consonant sound at the start of two or more closely placed words.   
a) Good gracious- ‘g’   
b) how you hop - ‘h’   
c)  sit quite still, and say - ‘s’   
d) But to balance- ‘b’   
e) dear duck - ‘d’   
f) whole world - ‘w’

**3. Anaphora-** When the same word is used at the start of 2 or more consecutive lines.   
Instances of anaphora in the poem are as follows -   
a) And to keep out the cold I’ve bought a cloak,   
And every day a cigar I’ll smoke,

b) And they hopped the whole world three times round;   
And who so happy — O who,   
Both the pairs of sentences begin with ‘and’.

**4. Refrain-** the use of a musical rhyming sentence throughout the poem. “Said the duck to the kangaroo” has been repeated to lay stress on the request made by the duck to the kangaroo.

**5. Enjambment**- When the same sentence continues in two or more lines.   
Instances of enjambment in the poem are as follows -   
a) “And I bought four pairs of worsted socks   
Which fit my web-feet neatly.”

b) “All to follow my own dear true   
Love of a Kangaroo!”

Summary

The poem gives an account of a conversation between a duck and a kangaroo. The duck praises the kangaroo for its ability to hop and visit places. The duck finds the pond boring as it has to stay there forever. The duck requests the kangaroo to make it sit on its back and go on a trip to places like the Dee, and the Jelly Bo Lee, crossing lands and seas. It promises that it would remain quiet and would only quack. The kangaroo replies that it will have to think over it because the duck’s wet and cold feet may give it body pains - the disease of rheumatism.   
The duck says that it has made arrangements for the kangaroo’s safety. It had got four pairs of worsted socks which fitted the web - shaped feet well. Additionally, it would wear a cloak to save itself from the cold weather and would smoke one cigar a day too. The duck loves the kangaroo and so, wants to take precautions for its well - being. The kangaroo agrees to take the duck on a trip. It asks the duck to sit firmly and not to move.   
The duck sits on the kangaroo’s back. The kangaroo starts with a hop and they take three trips around the world. Both of them enjoy each other’s company.