

What is Green?

Green is the grass
And the leaves of trees
Green is the smell
Of a country breeze . . .
Green is a coolness
You get in the shade
Of the tall old woods
Where the moss is made.
Green is a flutter
That comes in spring
When frost melts out
Of everything.
Green is a grasshopper
Green is jade
Green is hiding
In the shade —
Green is an olive
And a pickle.
The sound of green
Is a water-trickle.
Green is the world
After the rain
Bathed and beautiful
Again . . .
Green is the meadow,
Green is the fuzz
That covers up
Where winter was.
Green is ivy and
Honeysuckle vine.
Green is yours
Green is mine . . .

Mary O'Neill

What is Pink?

What is pink? A rose is pink
By the fountain's brink.
What is red? A poppy's red
In its barley bed.
What is blue? The sky is blue
Where the clouds float through.
What is white? A swan is white
Sailing in the light.
What is yellow? Pears are yellow,
Rich and ripe and mellow.
What is green? The grass is green,
With small flowers between.
What is violet? Clouds are violet
In the summer twilight.
What is orange? Why, an orange,
Just an orange!

Christina Rossetti

1. What colours can you find in the poems?
2. Which is your favourite piece of imagery in each poem?
3. Which line do you think is most effective in each poem?
4. Can you identify any lines that remind you of objects, feelings or a place?

New Vocabulary!

The word 'evoke' means to bring a feeling, memory, or picture into your mind. We use this word when a smell, picture or song reminds us of something else! For example, the smell of daffodils might remind you of spring and *evoke* memories of playing in the sunshine with your family! You will see this word on your home learning web this week.