

The friendly cow all red and white,
I love with all my heart:
She gives me cream with all her might,
To eat with apple-tart.

She wanders lowing here and there,
And yet she cannot stray,
All in the pleasant open air,
The pleasant light of day:

And blown by all the winds that pass
And wet with all the showers,
She walks among the meadow grass
And eats the meadow flowers.

Robert Louis Stevenson



Do you remember?

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Copy these sentences.

Choose the correct ending to finish each sentence.

- The cow in the poem
a) is friendly. b) is aggressive. c) is shy.
- Her coat is
a) brown. b) red and white. c) black and white.

- Some of her milk is made into
a) yoghurt. b) cheese. c) cream.
- She wanders about
a) in silence. b) making contented sounds.
c) making a lot of noise.
- When it rains
a) she gets wet. b) she is brought inside.
c) she keeps dry under the trees.



More to think about

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- Read these sentences about the poem.
Write 'true' or 'not true' for each one.
a) She likes to eat meadow flowers.
b) She keeps getting out of her field.
c) She lives all day in a barn.
d) She stays outside in the wind.
- Find words in the poem that rhyme with the following words.
a) might b) there c) heart d) flowers

Now try these

Blue

- Think carefully about these questions.
Write sentences to answer each one.
a) Do you think the poet owns the cow? Explain your answer.
b) The poet mentions the cream given by the cow.
What other reasons might he have for loving her?
c) What word does the poet use to make you know he likes
the outdoor life?
- Find these words in the poem.
Explain what they mean in your own words.
a) with all my heart b) with all her might c) pleasant