

Lockdown Tales Activities



'The Hen'

By Alfred Lord Douglas

Read for Wonderful Beast's Lockdown Tales by Sally Ann Burnett, with original music by Sylvia Hallett.



How can you make this poem come to life?

You could play all the parts as you listen along, or get someone in your household to join in, by reading it as you act it out.

What other things could you do?

The hen is a **ferocious** fowl,
She pecks you till she makes you **howl**.
And all the time she **flaps** her wings,
And **says the most insulting things**.
And when you **try to take her eggs**,
She **bites** large pieces from your legs.
The only safe way to get these,
Is to **creep on your hands and knees**.
In the meanwhile, **a friend must hide**,
And **jump out** on the other side.
And then you **snatch the eggs and run**,
While she pursues the other one.
The difficulty is, to find
A **trusty friend** who will not mind.

What does the hen look like?

What does it sound like?

Flap, flap!

What kind of things? Think of at least three!

Carefully does it...

Are you the biting hen, or the one being bitten, or both?

Off you go...

Ask someone in the family to hide

Go on then, quick!

The hen chases the friend making a ferocious din and flapping its wings

Who's your best friend? You could try acting out the poem with them over a video call

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