

THE ROBIN

*The gardener digs, the robin watches,
Never afraid, certainly not timid.
It sits close by, catching small worms and quick moving millipedes,
Its red breast attracting the gardener's eye.*

*It stops motionless and watches,
Oblivious to its spectator, the robin hops here and there,
Filling its mouth with food for its young.
Then quick as it arrived, it is gone.*

*Instantly, it returns searching, searching, searching.
The gardener has left to feed and watches from afar.
A cat, a tiger of the garden, stalks the robin,
And pounces, and the robin is gone.*

Oh how lucky are its young!

Choose the **best word** or **phrase** each time. Underline your answers.

- 1 This poem is set in a - forest farm zoo garden
- 2 The poet tells us the robin is - timid frightened small brave
- 3 Motionless means - moving changing stationary action
- 4 A spectator is - a performer a feeder an observer a friend
- 5 The robin is stalked by a - gardener cat tiger dog
- 6 Pounces means - snatches takes off jumps on grabs

Which two creatures does the robin catch ?

- 7 _____ 8 _____

9 Why was the robin gathering so much food ? _____

10 Which word tells us that the robin returned quickly ? _____

11 Why did the gardener leave? _____

12 Which word tells us that he was not close by ? _____

13 Which phrase tells us that the cat did not catch the robin ? _____

The gardener and the robin both did the same three things. Give two of them.

- 14 _____ 15 _____