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Read the poem. Then answer the questions.

KITTY

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Once there was a little kitty,
White as the snow; 2
In a barn he used to frolic,
Long time ago. 4

In the barn a little mousie
Ran to and fro; 6
For she heard the little kitty,
Long time ago. 8

Two black eyes had little kitty,
Black as a crow; 10
And they spied the little mousie,
Long time ago. 12

Four soft paws had little kitty,
Paws soft as snow; 14
And they caught the little mousie,
Long time ago. 16

Nine pearl teeth had little kitty,
All in a row; 18
And they bit the little mousie,
Long time ago. 20

When the teeth bit little mousie,
Mousie cried out "Oh!" 22
But she slipped away from kitty,
Long time ago. 24



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Questions

1. What figures of speech is used in the line 2, “*White as the snow*“?

2. What figure of speech is used in the line 17, “*nine pearl teeth had little kitty*“?

3. What animal is little kitty compared to?

4. How many syllables are there in the lines of the first stanza?

line 1 _____ syllables

line 2 _____ syllables

line 3 _____ syllables

line 4 _____ syllables

5. How many stanzas does this poem have?.

6. What is the rhyming scheme of the first stanza of the poem?

7. The rhyming scheme of the first stanza of the poem is?

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8. What is the tone of the poem?

9. What is the central message of this poem?
