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Poetry Worksheet

Little Birdie by Alfred Tennyson



A. Read to understand

1. Write a summary of the poem.

2. What does little birdie wants to do and why?

3. Why does mother tell the little birdie to rest a little longer?

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4. What does the little baby say”?

5. What does the little baby’s mother promise?

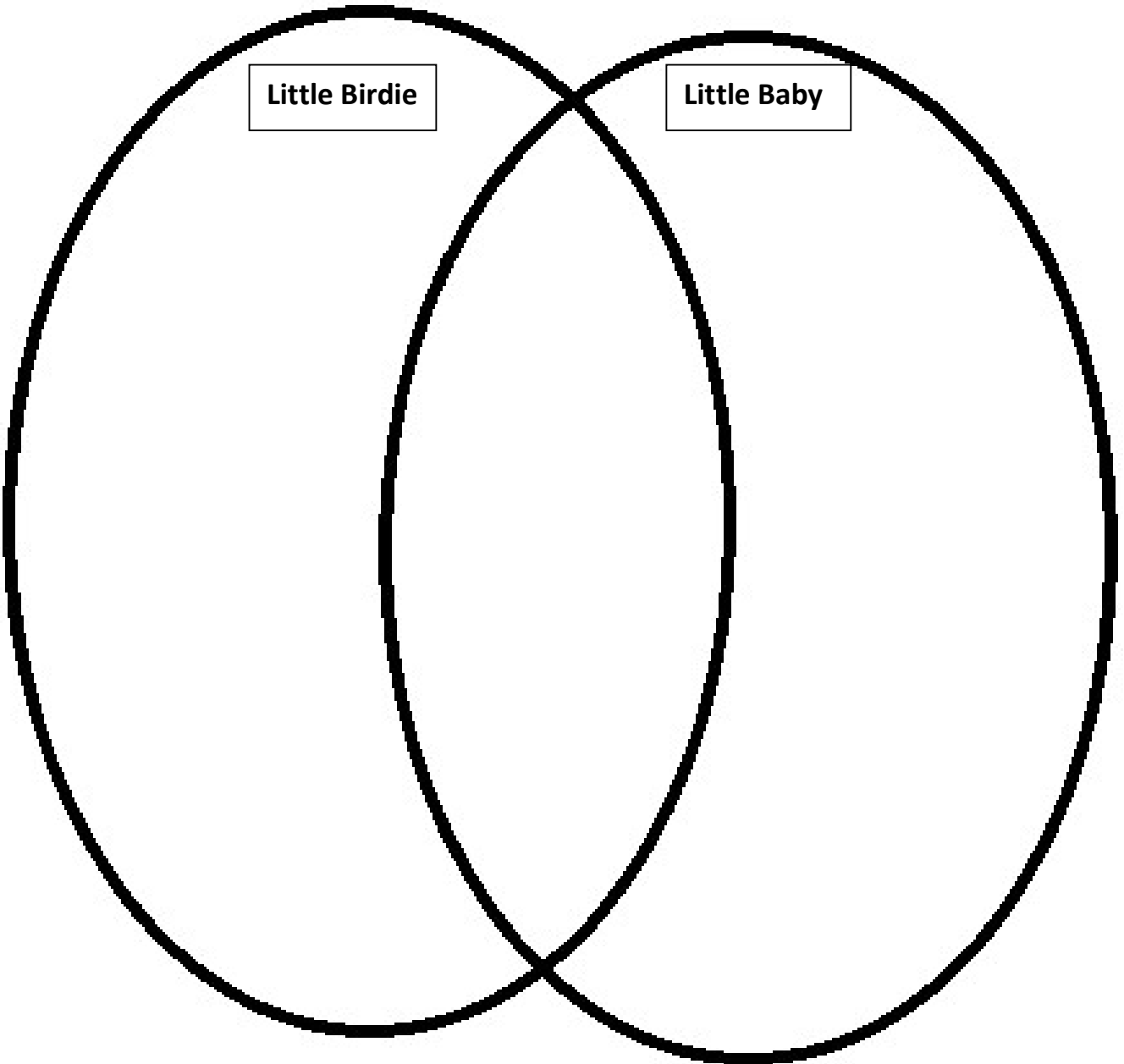
Discuss

1. Can little babies fly? What is the poet referring to when he says “*baby too shall fly away*”?

2. Why does the poet compare the little baby to the bird?

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3. Compare and contrast a little baby and a little bird. Use the graphic organiser below. Some research might be necessary for this question. Share what you learn with your class.



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B. Read to appreciate

Read the poem again and see how the poet ends every line in the poem. Write down the rhyming words from the poem.

Write the rhyming scheme for the poem “Little Birdie”.

Are there any figures of speech In this poem? Give examples.
