

# The Naughty Boy

There was a naughty boy,  
 And a naughty boy was he,  
 He ran away to Scotland  
 The people there to see—  
 Then he found  
 That the ground  
 Was as hard,  
 That a yard  
 Was as long,  
 That a song  
 Was as merry,  
 That a cherry  
 Was as red,  
 That lead  
 Was as weighty,  
 That fourscore  
 Was as eighty,  
 That a door  
 Was as wooden  
 As in England—  
 So he stood in his shoes  
 A he wonder'd,  
 He wonder'd,  
 He stood in his  
 shoes and he wonder'd.



**yard:** a unit of length, equal to three feet or 36 inches

**cherry:** a small soft, round fruit

**lead:** heavy, soft, dull, grey metal

**weighty:** heavy

**fourscore:** eighty (a score equals twenty)

**stood in his shoes:** stayed still

**wonder'd:** felt great surprise; this is an old-fashioned spelling for 'wondered'



*John Keats*



## Let's Understand

Answer these questions.

1. Where did the naughty boy come from?
2. Where did the naughty boy go?
3. Why did he go there?
4. What did he see there?

## Let's Think

Have you ever travelled to a new town or city? What did you see? How was your experience?

## Let's Use Words

Match the adjectives in column A with the words in Column B and complete the sentences below.

A	B
1. cherry	a. heavy
2. ground	b. red
3. lead	c. hard

1. The baby's lips were as \_\_\_\_\_ as a \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The cake that Nitin baked was as \_\_\_\_\_ as the \_\_\_\_\_.
3. My tired legs felt as \_\_\_\_\_ as \_\_\_\_\_.

## Let's Write

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What would the naughty boy see if he were to come to your town?