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It Followed Me to School Today

Read this poem and answer the questions on the back

It followed me to school today.
I'm not sure what it was,
though it sounded soft and scratchy,
like a chunk of rusty fuzz.

I couldn't see it clearly.
It remained just out of sight
as it slunk along in shadows
and retreated from the light.

I started walking faster.
I could smell it. It was foul.
Then it slithered even quicker
and I may have heard it growl.

I felt a rush of panic, thinking
I might not escape.
So I bolted down the block, but still
could not outrun that shape.

At last, I stumbled into school.
I thought I got away,
but it wriggled underneath a bush
and waited there all day.

It followed me back home from school.
It's now outside my room.
I'm supposed to go to bed, but there's
this looming sense of doom.

I'd better go tell mom and dad.
They'll want to hear this warning:
I'll be staying home tomorrow
if it's still there in the morning.

— Kenn Nesbitt



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What do you think "it" might be?

What are two words the narrator uses to describe how it sounds?

What clue tells the narrator that the shape might be dangerous?

What does the narrator do when feeling scared?

Where does the shape wait during the school day?

Why does the narrator say they might stay home the next day?