

Going On A Nature Hunt

The time has come to head outside
But with a different twist.

This time make sure you pay attention
While searching for things on my list.

These objects are found out in nature
And not within four walls.
So put on your sneakers, your sweater, your hat
And go where the great outdoors calls.

But stop! Don't go yet, I need proof.
You'll gather up three needful things:
Some paper, a pencil, a backpack.
Okay, let's go work those hamstrings.

Oh wait, one request then you'll go.
I ask that you show what you saw.
Be sure to track all your findings,
You can write the words and draw.

The first thing you seek is a rock
And any old rock will not do.
The rock must be shaped like an object,
An object we'll see through you.

At home, you'll draw on this rock
To look like whatever you see.
Record it and pop it in your pack
To show your family.

That wasn't so bad, that was easy.
Now the next item found in this game
Is a stick in the shape of the letter
The first letter starting your name.

Keep your eyes peeled while scanning, look up
As well as look down on the ground.
Be sure to record it and pack it,
Making note of the items you've found.

What you seek next is not to be touched
Yet is beautiful when it is seen.

With feathers and wings, and oh how it sings,
A bird amidst all of this green.

Look at the size of its body
Look at the color of its beak.
Draw the bird that you see on your paper,
At home, its name you will seek.

Once you have found the right bird,
You have to use just sound
To find three things you can not see
But hear from somewhere around.

Record for each noise that is heard
In picture form or words
The source of that sound, you hear from abound
And only one source can be birds.

Now open your eyes and take note,
Since the next item may be quite small.
An insect is what you will search for,
Under rocks, in the dirt, on the wall.

Draw or write down what it is
Noting each little leg and its eyes.
What does it eat, does it sleep, does it play?
Learning these facts makes you wise.

In nature, we often find litter
From humans that toss out their trash.
I need you to find what doesn't belong
And throw it back in with your stash.

Wait! Don't forget to record it
While guessing where this trash first came from
I want you to draw how it started
And then draw the form it's become.

Three items await you in nature,
One sharp, one soft, and one bumpy.
Record all three finds on your paper
Or else I'll get mad and grumpy.



Before you pack up your finds,
I want to make sure that you study
How each of these three textured objects
Came to be, then go tell a buddy.

A plant has to be on this list,
But of course, any plant will not do.
Did you think this was gonna be easy?
No! I need to keep challenging you.

The plant has to have more than green
And it also must still be alive.
Make sure it has bites from an insect
Or this nature hunt you won't survive.

Finally, we've reached the end.
But before you run off, there's one more.
What? You feel tired? Stop complaining!
It's better than doing a chore.

Now open your nostrils real wide
Take in three great big sniffs,
Breathing in through your nose and out of your
mouth
Identify all of those whiffs.

After you've written them down
You're free to head back to home.
Don't forget to do all your research.
Bring this poem wherever you roam.