



# Acrostic

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## DOUBLE ACROSTIC X MINUS FOUR

(In Looking Glass Land, things go in reverse. The next acrostic will be **X minus five.**)

You will need to print the acrostic in order to solve it. When the diagram is filled in, it will contain a quotation from a published work. Numbered squares in the diagram correspond to the numbered blanks to be filled in with the answers to the clues. The first letters of each answer, when read downwards, will spell the name of the author and the title of the work from which the quotation comes. The letter following the number in each square indicates the clue whose answer includes the letter to be entered in that square. Nearly all the clues have something to do with children's literature. You do not need to know more than about 8 (some say 6) answers to begin. As skeletons of words begin to form in the diagram and some initial letters of author and title are in place, work back and forth. Soon the parts of the puzzle will solve one another. Answers will be posted on the site on January 2, 1999.

Note: Depending upon your printer and page setup options, some of the right hand columns of the acrostic may not print. If the printed version does not match what you see on your screen, try going into the print setup menu and change the page orientation from Portrait to Landscape. If your printer supports output scaling (and your eyesight is good!) you can instead try reducing the output scale from 100% (try 90% to start) until all of the columns appear on the printed copy.

1 H	2 F	3 C		4 A	5 P	6 G	7 E	8 M	9 I		10 AA	11 C	12 P	13 L		14 V	15 M	16 J	
17 E	18 A	19 P	20 F	21 B	22 U	23 T		24 O	25 W	26 V		27 W	28 AA	29 M	30 X		31 P	32 J	
33 U	34 Y	35 H		36 S	37 CC	38 Z	39 BB	40 W		41 T	42 AA	43 P	44 C	45 J		46 U	47X	48 M	49 R
	50 Q	51 C	52 BB	53 Z		54 P	55 D	56 A		57 L	58 F	59 AA	60 J		61 W	62 Y	63 J	64 M	65 T
	66 K	67 E	68 P	69 R	70 C	71 U		72 I	73 N		74 AA	75 S	76 L	77 P	78 B	79 Y	80 J		81 O
82 Z	83 L		84 B	85 A	86 AA		87 N	88 U	89 V	90 J		91 W	92 AA	93 J		94 P	95 H	96 BB	
97 X	98 C	99 F	100 O	101 P		102 AA	103 CC	104 J		105 B	106 I	107 L	108 AA	109 D		110 W	111 Z	112 A	113 BB
	114 H		115 Y	116 P	117 M	118 K	119 U		120 V	121 T	122 Q	123 B	124 W	125 O		126 E	127 I	128 C	129 B
130 Y	131 P	132 U	133 AA	134 BB		135 V	136 P	137 N		138 I	139 J	140 M	141 AA		142 T	143 D		144 F	145 CC
	146 M	147 Y	148 U	149 BB	150 A	151 P		152 AA	153 E	154 G		155 O	156 Z	157 Q	158 U	159 Y	160 R	161 J	
162 K	163 H	164 BB	165 U	166 C	167 AA		168 D	169 P	170 F		171 H	172 N		173 J	174 A	175 I	176 U		177 Q
178 L	179 Z		180 W		181 V	182 F	183 Y	184 AA	185 I	186 R		187 C	188 G		189 M	190 J	191 L	192 P	
193 AA	194 B	195 U		196 S	197 D	198 H	199 I	200 V	201 G	202 AA		203 P	204 L	205 B		206 P	207 AA	208 Y	209 A
210 Z	211 I		212 N	213 M	214 H	215 Q		216 I	217 U	218 J		219 O	220 X	221 J	222 V	223 AA		224 P	225 E
226 D	227 AA																		

A.

209 85 4 56 112 18 150 174 Finnish national epic

B.

84 129 205 194 105 21 78 123 V.L. Burton's runaway train (2 wds)



C.

98 70 166 3 51 11 44 187 128 One of 2 Jill Paton Walsh titles derived from G.M. Hopkins' "Spring and Fall: To A Young Child"

D.

143 55 226 109 197 168 Narrator in R.L. Stevenson's poem could not see the use of his

E.

153 225 126 17 67 7 The oracular pig of Prydain (2 wds)

F.

144 58 99 20 2 182 170 Beloved fictional sisters, the four ... (pl.)

G.

6 188 201 154 First-rate (2 wds)

H.

171 95 198 35 1 114 214 163 Hodges' story of Alfred the one-legged, whose destiny lay with his King of the same name; The ...

I.

72 185 175 138 106 9 211 127 199 216 Isle of ..., all heads and no bodies, who sing "I can't learn my lesson; the examiner's coming" (*The Water Babies*)

J.

139 221 104 60 80 32 190 45 90 161 63 16 93 218 173 They schemed against Donald O'Neary who tricked them in turn (3 wds) (Jacobs, *Celtic Folk and Fairy Tales*)

K.

118 66 162 Wane, decline, recede

L.

191 107 57 2 04 13 83 178 76 Babar became King of the Elephants when the old King ate a bad one of these

M.

140 189 117 48 15 29 213 146 64 8 Descriptor in title of Cornelia Meigs' biography of clue F author

N.

137 73 212 172 87 The Little Lambe Prince

O.

81 125 100 155 219 24 Surname for a spy

P.

31 131 43 206 68 19 94 151 101 12 169 54 203 5 224 192 116 136 77 Beginning of nursery rhyme ending "what a splash-splash that would be" (6 wds)

Q.

50 215 157 122 177 Land held in return for service to a lord (var.)

R.

160 186 69 49 A son of Seth; or, Hall-of-famer "Country" Slaughter

S.

196 75 36 In an American folk song, she took the measles and died in the spring



T.

41 23 65 142 121 Possible nickname for infant exposed on the Downs by Garfield's Bostock and Harris?

U.

158 22 165 176 119 46 217 88 71 195 148 132 33 Subject of one of Diane Stanley's illustrated biographies (3 wds)

V.

181 135 26 14 120 200 222 89 Mathematical term, name of a journal of which P.L. Travers was a consulting editor

W.

40 25 180 61 110 27 91 124 Surname of J. Duncan's Scottish heroine Janet

X.

30 97 47 220 She pined away for unrequited love of Narcissus

Y.

79 208 183 130 34 159 62 115 147 Goal of Christopher Robin's Expedition (2 wds)

Z.

156 82 210 111 38 179 53 One variety of Streatfeild's shoes

AA.

59 141 133 102 86 227 207 193 42 10 108 223 202 92 28 184 74 167 152 Where only thistles grow and fools are transformed for meddling with what they do not understand (4 wds) (*The Water Babies*)

BB.

52 164 134 113 96 149 39 After the events in clue L, the capital city was named after her

CC.

145 103 37 Beginning of a Cornish counting-out rhyme