

London's Burning

- 6 Bread is burning, bread is burning.
12 Call the baker, call the baker.
16 Fire, fire! Fire, fire!
22 Fetch the water, fetch the water.
- 26 Houses burning, houses burning.
32 Flames are growing, flames are growing.
36 Fire, fire! Fire, fire!
42 Pour on water, pour on water.
- 48 Streets are burning, streets are burning.
54 Wind is blowing, wind is blowing.
58 Fire, fire! Fire, fire!
64 Fetch more water, fetch more water.
- 68 London's burning, London's burning.
74 Call the engine, call the engine.
78 Fire, fire! Fire, fire!
84 Pour on water, pour on water.
- 90 Wind is stopping, wind is stopping.
96 Flames are dying, flames are dying.
102 No more fire! No more fire!
108 Dry the water, dry the water.

Quick Questions



1. Who is the first person that is called in the poem?



2. What effect has the poet created by repeating the phrase 'Fire, fire!'?



3. Can you order the events of the poem using the numbers 1-4?

- ☐ houses are burning
- ☐ London's burning
- ☐ bread is burning
- ☐ streets are burning



4. Can you write another verse of the poem, following the same pattern?

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Answers



1. Who is the first person that is called in the poem?
the baker



2. What effect has the poet created by repeating the phrase 'Fire, fire!'?
It reminds us that the fire is happening. It makes it sound more urgent, like someone shouting.



3. Can you order the events of the poem using the numbers 1-4?

- 2 houses are burning
- 4 London's burning
- 1 bread is burning
- 3 streets are burning



4. Can you write another verse of the poem, following the same pattern?
Fire, fire! Fire, fire!
Pour on water, pour on water.
Accept any plausible verse that refers to the fire in some way and includes repetition, e.g.
People running, people running,
From the fire, from the fire.