

A Scarecrow's Job

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12 In the middle of the field,
19 With his overalls and straw for hair,
23 Forever with eyes peeled.
- 29 Through every season he's always there,
34 Despite the sun or rain,
39 Upright on his wooden frame,
44 As if on tall tiptoe.
- 49 Over in a nearby hedge,
56 A flock of pigeons wait to dive,
65 Surely one day the straw man in the field,
69 Will no longer survive?
- 76 But no, the scarecrow still stands tall,
80 Making the farmer proud,
85 Wearing a little knowing grin,
90 Until the crops are ploughed.



Quick Questions



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Answers



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Accept any inference that relates to the text as to why the scarecrow is happy, e.g. The scarecrow smiles because he knows that he's doing a good job.



4. Do you think the pigeons will ever get the crops?

Accept any sensible prediction linked to the text, e.g. I think one day they might get the crops because they'll realise that the scarecrow can't move.