

## What is Green?

Green is the grass  
And the leaves of trees  
Green is the smell  
Of a country breeze . . .  
Green is a coolness  
You get in the shade  
Of the tall old woods  
Where the moss is made.  
Green is a flutter  
That comes in Spring  
When frost melts out  
Of everything.  
Green is a grasshopper  
Green is jade  
Green is hiding  
In the shade —  
Green is an olive  
And a pickle.  
The sound of green  
Is a water-trickle.  
Green is the world  
After the rain  
Bathed and beautiful  
Again . . .  
Green is the meadow,  
Green is the fuzz  
That covers up  
Where winter was.  
Green is ivy and  
Honeysuckle vine.  
Green is yours  
Green is mine . . .

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## What is Pink?

What is pink? A rose is pink  
By the fountain's brink.  
What is red? A poppy's red  
In its barley bed.  
What is blue? The sky is blue  
Where the clouds float through.  
What is white? A swan is white  
Sailing in the light.  
What is yellow? Pears are yellow,  
Rich and ripe and mellow.  
What is green? The grass is green,  
With small flowers between.  
What is violet? Clouds are violet  
In the summer twilight.  
What is orange? Why, an orange,  
Just an orange!

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