

Lesson 70: Memory Lesson & Pastoral Poetry — The Little Lamb**PLL PART TWO****Memory Lesson • Pastoral Lyric Verse**

"In all the wide world there is nothing so sweet
 As my little lamb with nimble feet;
 With eyes so bright and wool so white,
 Oh, my little lamb is my heart's delight!
 When shines the warm sun, and the soft wind blows,
 We roam in the meadow where green grass grows;
 We dance and skip; we run and leap,
 And, when we are weary, lie down to sleep."

Recitation Focus: Couplet rhymes (AABB CCDD) • Kinetic action verbs • Memory transcription.

1 POETIC COUPLETS & SENSORY ADJECTIVES

Study the musical rhymes and descriptive words that paint the picture of the lamb:

- 1. Rhyming Couplets:** *sweet* & _____ ; *white* & _____ ; *blows* & _____ ; *leap* & _____
- 2. Internal Rhyme:** In line 3, find two words inside the line that rhyme: _____ and _____
- 3. Nimble Feet:** What does *nimble* mean when describing the lamb's feet? Quick, light, and _____

2 LIVELY ACTION VERBS IN THE SPRING MEADOW

Notice how the poet uses lively paired verbs to show the joyful play:

- 1. Paired Actions:** List the four movement verbs from line 7: We _____ and _____ ; we _____ and _____ .
- 2. Setting:** Where do the child and little lamb roam together?
 They roam in the meadow where _____
- 3. Weary Rest:** What do they do when they become weary from play?
 When weary, they _____

3 MEMORY TRANSCRIPTION • LINES 5 TO 8

Write the last four lines of the poem neatly from memory with exact punctuation:

Lesson 70 Teacher Key: Memory Work & Lyric Rhythm

ANSWER KEY & RUBRIC

Pedagogical Framework • Charlotte Mason Memory & Cadence

Poetic Recitation Method: Teaching an ear for lyric rhythm, rhyming couplets (AABB CCDD), internal rhymes, and kinetic paired verbs. Inspires joyful spoken recitation and precise poetic transcription.

1 SECTION 1: RHYME PAIRS & ADJECTIVE SOLUTIONS

- 1. **Rhyming Couplets:** *sweet & feet ; white & delight ; blows & grows ; leap & sleep.*
- 2. **Internal Rhyme:** *bright* and *white*.
- 3. **Vocabulary:** *Nimble* means quick, light-footed, agile, and active.

2 SECTION 2: KINETIC VERBS & SETTING SOLUTIONS

- 1. **Movement Verbs:** We *dance* and *skip*; we *run* and *leap*.
- 2. **Setting:** They roam in the sunny meadow where the green grass grows.
- 3. **Weary Rest:** When they are tired from running and leaping, they lie down together to sleep.

3 SECTION 3: MEMORY TRANSCRIPTION BENCHMARK (LINES 5–8)

Line 5: *When shines the warm sun, and the soft wind blows,*
Line 6: *We roam in the meadow where green grass grows;*
Line 7: *We dance and skip; we run and leap,*
Line 8: *And, when we are weary, lie down to sleep.*
Punctuation Checks: Comma after *sun*, semicolon after *grows*, semicolon after *skip*, comma after *leap*, commas around *when* we are weary, period after *sleep*.

4 DIAGNOSTIC SCORING RUBRIC (4 PERFORMANCE LEVELS)

Evaluation Domain	4 • Exemplary	3 • Proficient	2 • Developing / Emerging
Memory Recitation	Recites all eight lines from memory with joyful expression, natural rhythm, and clear diction.	Recites with 1 minor hesitation; good tempo.	Needs multiple prompts; forgets sequence of lines.
Rhyme & Word Analysis	Identifies all couplets, internal rhymes, and defines <i>nimble</i> accurately.	Identifies end rhymes correctly with minor assistance.	Misses couplets or internal rhyme.
Kinetic Verbs	Isolates all four lively verbs (<i>dance</i> , <i>skip</i> , <i>run</i> , <i>leap</i>) and explains the setting clearly.	Names action verbs with basic comprehension.	Lists incomplete verbs or misses setting details.
Transcription Mechanics	Transcribes lines 5–8 from memory with exact line-starts, semicolons, commas, and ending period.	Transcribes lines accurately with minor punctuation omission.	Frequent punctuation errors or run-on line transcription.