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What Kitten Sees

By Liana Mahoney

Twinkling stars in skies of green,
Sparkling heavens, jeweled scene.

Drips of silver glimmer bright,
Wondrous streams of glowing light.

Angels floating - haloed heads;
Clouds of glass in blues and reds.

Now I know what kitten sees,
From underneath the Christmas tree!



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ANSWER KEY

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The kitten is looking up at the twinkling tree. To the kitten, it looks as though the green branches of the tree make up the sky.

3. Line 6 mentions "clouds of glass in blues and reds." What is this referring to?

This line is referring to glass ornaments that are hanging on the tree.

4. Why do you think a Christmas tree would be exciting to a kitten?

Answers will vary. Students may mention that it is filled with shiny objects. It would also be unusual for a kitten to see a tree inside the house.

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