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# Leprechaun Language

By Alice Knisley Matthias



I couldn't believe what I stumbled upon,  
There he was before me- a real leprechaun.  
He said "I just woke from my long morning nap,"  
Stretching his arms, he fixed his giant black cap.  
"I didn't see you there when I first woke up,  
I'm making some tea now, would you like a cup?"  
He had bright blue eyes and a rather long nose  
With emerald green shoes that turned up at the toes  
We chatted together while drinking our tea  
Just the two of us- the leprechaun and me  
He said "You know that soon it's St. Patrick's Day?  
I'll share with you, friend, something the Irish say.  
They have a saying that is oh, so clever,  
*Erin Go Bragh means Ireland forever!*"

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  - b. made some tea
  - c. sang a song
  - d. danced a jig

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4. Which word best describes the leprechaun in this poem?

clever                      sneaky                      friendly

Tell why you chose this word.

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**clue:** warm drink

2. \_\_\_\_\_

p n r a l h e u e c

**clue:** small, bearded, magical person

3. \_\_\_\_\_

v e e l r c

**clue:** smart

4. \_\_\_\_\_

s I r h i

**clue:** someone or something from Ireland

5. \_\_\_\_\_

m d e a r l e

**clue:** bright green gemstone

6. \_\_\_\_\_

h a c d t e t

**clue:** talked

7. \_\_\_\_\_

f e d r i n

**clue:** person you like to spend time with

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