





f) Minal was young. Minal used to live with her grandparents. (when/while)

A) Write in the blanks the **rhyme scheme** of the poem.

*When I was sick and lay in bed,* \_\_\_\_\_

*I had two pillows under my head,* \_\_\_\_\_

*And all my toys beside me lay* \_\_\_\_\_

*To keep me happy all the day.* \_\_\_\_\_

*And sometimes for an hour or so* \_\_\_\_\_

*I watched my trained soldiers go,* \_\_\_\_\_

*With different uniforms and drills,* \_\_\_\_\_

*Among the quilts, through the hills.* \_\_\_\_\_

*I sat on the pillow hill all day long,* \_\_\_\_\_

*I was a giant great and strong.* \_\_\_\_\_

*I saw my soldiers walking non-stop,* \_\_\_\_\_

*And saluted them from the bed top.* \_\_\_\_\_

B) Give an example of a **metaphor** from the last stanza. Write the meaning of the metaphor in a sentence.

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C) Why do you think the poet wrote the poem—to inform, persuade or entertain? Give one reason for your answer.

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