

Jabberwocky

A nonsense poem by Lewis Carroll

It is featured in 'Through the Looking-Glass and What Alice Found There'



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'Twas brillig, and the slithy toves
Did gyre and gimble in the wabe:
All mimsy were the borogoves,
And the mome raths outgrabe.

“Beware the Jabberwock, my son!

The jaws that bite, the claws that catch!

Beware the Jubjub bird, and shun

The frumious Bandersnatch!”

He took his vorpal sword in hand;
Long time the manxome foe he sought—
So rested he by the Tumtum tree
And stood awhile in thought.

And, as in uffish thought he stood,
The Jabberwock, with eyes of flame,
Came whiffling through the tulgey wood,
And burbled as it came!

One, two! One, two! And through and through

The vorpal blade went snicker-snack!

He left it dead, and with its head

He went galumphing back.

“And hast thou slain the Jabberwock?

Come to my arms, my beamish boy!

O frabjous day! Callooh! Callay!”

He chortled in his joy.

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Summary

On a normal afternoon, where the animals are about, a father tells his son about the fearsome Jabberwocky. It lives in the woods and is horrible. The son decides to go looking for this creature. Armed with his sword, he defeats the Jabberwocky and returns home with its head. The victory is celebrated and everything returns back to normal.

Glossary Click on this link. The glossary will help you to understand the poem.

[Glossary for "Jabberwocky" by Lewis Carroll from The Annotated Alice](#)