

The Sound Collector by Roger McGough

A stranger called this morning

Dressed all in black and grey

Put every sound into a bag

And carried them away

The whistling of the kettle

The turning of the lock

The purring of the kitten

The ticking of the clock

The popping of the toaster

The crunching of the flakes

When you spread the marmalade

The scraping noise it makes

The hissing of the frying pan

The ticking of the grill

The bubbling of the bathtub

As it starts to fill

The drumming of the raindrops

On the windowpane

When you do the washing-up

The gurgle of the drain

The crying of the baby

The squeaking of the chair

The swishing of the curtain

The creaking of the stair

A stranger called this morning

He didn't leave his name

Left us only silence

Life will never be the same

1) Find and copy the verb which describes the raindrops.

Drumming

2) Find and copy two words that rhyme in the last stanza.

Name/same

3) What time of the day did the Sound Collector call? Can you find 2 pieces of evidence that prove this?

- 'A stranger called this morning'

- 'popping of the toaster' 'crunching of flakes' 'spread the marmalade' - all breakfast foods.

4) What word is closest in meaning to 'stranger'?

a. thief b. **outsider** c. friend

5) Find and copy the verb which describes the bathtub.

Bubbling