

# What Is Pink?

By Christina Rossetti

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11 By the fountain's brink.  
17 What is red? A poppy's red  
21 In its barley bed.  
28 What is blue? The sky is blue  
33 Where the clouds float through.  
40 What is white? A swan is white  
44 Sailing in the light.  
50 What is yellow? Pears are yellow,  
55 Rich and ripe and mellow.  
62 What is green? The grass is green,  
66 With small flowers between.  
72 What is violet? Clouds are violet  
76 In the summer twilight.  
82 What is orange? Why, an orange,  
85 Just an orange!



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## Questions



1. What is the white swan doing in the poem?

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2. Number these lines from 1–3 in the order that they are written in the poem.

- ☐ What is violet? Clouds are violet  
☐ What is red? A poppy's red  
☐ What is green? The grass is green



3. Find and copy a word that rhymes with **yellow**.

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# Answers



1. What is the white swan doing in the poem?  
**The white swan is sailing in the light.**



2. Number these lines from 1–3 in the order that they are written in the poem.

- 3** What is violet? Clouds are violet  
**1** What is red? A poppy's red  
**2** What is green? The grass is green



3. Find and copy a word that rhymes with **yellow**.  
**mellow**



4. What is brown? What do you think the next line could be?  
**Pupils' own responses, such as: Trees are brown on the edges of the town.**



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