How beautiful is the rain!
After the dust and heat,
In the broad and fiery street,
    In the narrow lane,
How beautiful is the rain!

How it clatters along the roofs
    Like the tramp of hoofs!
How it gushes and struggles out
    From the throat of the overflowing spout!

Across the window pane
    It pours and pours;
And swift and wide,
    With a muddy tide,
Like a river down the gutter roars
    The rain, the welcome rain!

— H.W. Longfellow
1. Do you like the rain? What do you do when it rains?
2. In which month(s) of the year does it rain in your area?
3. Why is the rain welcome?
4. Do you know a small song or a poem about rain in your mother tongue? Recite it in the class.

Let's Try This

1. Circle the word that names the picture.

- lane line
- duck dock
- fun fan
- boy toy
- well wall
- beak book

To the Teacher
- Help the children answer the questions first in their mother tongue and then in English.