

Chapter 2

The Fly

— Walter de la Mare



READING SKILL

How large unto the **tiny** fly
Must little things **appear!**
A **rosebud** like a feather bed,
Its **prickle** like a spear;
A dewdrop like a **looking-glass**,
A hair like golden wire;
The smallest grain of mustard-seed
As **fierce** as coals of fire;
A loaf of bread, a **lofty** hill;
A wasp, a **cruel** leopard;
And **specks** of sale as bright to see
As lambkins to a shepherd.