NATURE TRAIL

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At the bottom of my garden  
There’s a hedgehog and a frog  
And a lot of creepy-crawlies  
Living underneath a log,  
There’s a baby daddy long legs  
And an easy-going snail  
And a family of woodlice,  
All are on my nature trail.

There are caterpillars waiting  
For their time to come to fly,  
There are worms turning the earth over  
As ladybirds fly by,  
Birds will visit, cats will visit  
But they always chose their time  
And I’ve even seen a fox visit  
This wild garden of mine.

Squirrels come to nick my nuts  
And busy bees come buzzing  
And when the night time comes  
Sometimes some dragonflies come humming,  
My garden mice are very shy  
And I’ve seen bats that growl  
And in my garden I have seen  
A very wise old owl.

My garden is a lively place  
There’s always something happening,  
There’s this constant search for food  
And then there’s all that flowering,  
When you have a garden  
You will never be alone  
And I believe we all deserve  
A garden of our own.

The poet enjoys being close to nature and animals. He describes wildlife that he sees in his garden. He encourages us to think about the importance of having a garden

Answer the questions in full proper sentences in your book.

1. Where do the creepy crawlies live?
2. Why do you think the bird choses carefully when to visit the garden?
3. Which animal does the poet seem most surprised to see in his garden?
4. Write down one word that has a similar meaning to ‘nick’?
5. What 2 things does the poet say are always happening in his garden?
6. The poet thinks that ‘we all deserve a garden of our own’. Give 3 reasons why you think we all deserve to have a garden?