

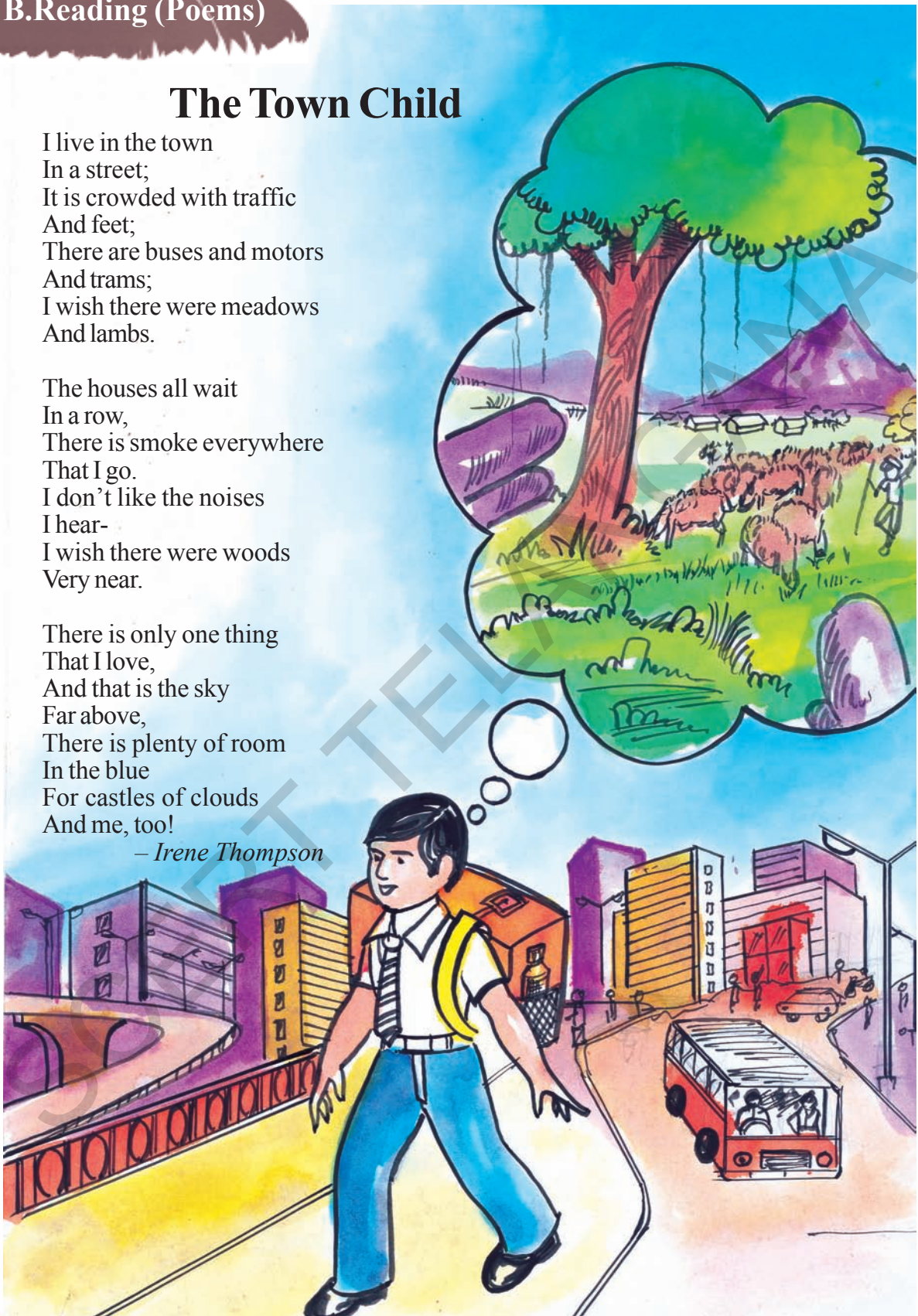
The Town Child

I live in the town
In a street;
It is crowded with traffic
And feet;
There are buses and motors
And trams;
I wish there were meadows
And lambs.

The houses all wait
In a row,
There is smoke everywhere
That I go.
I don't like the noises
I hear-
I wish there were woods
Very near.

There is only one thing
That I love,
And that is the sky
Far above,
There is plenty of room
In the blue
For castles of clouds
And me, too!

– Irene Thompson



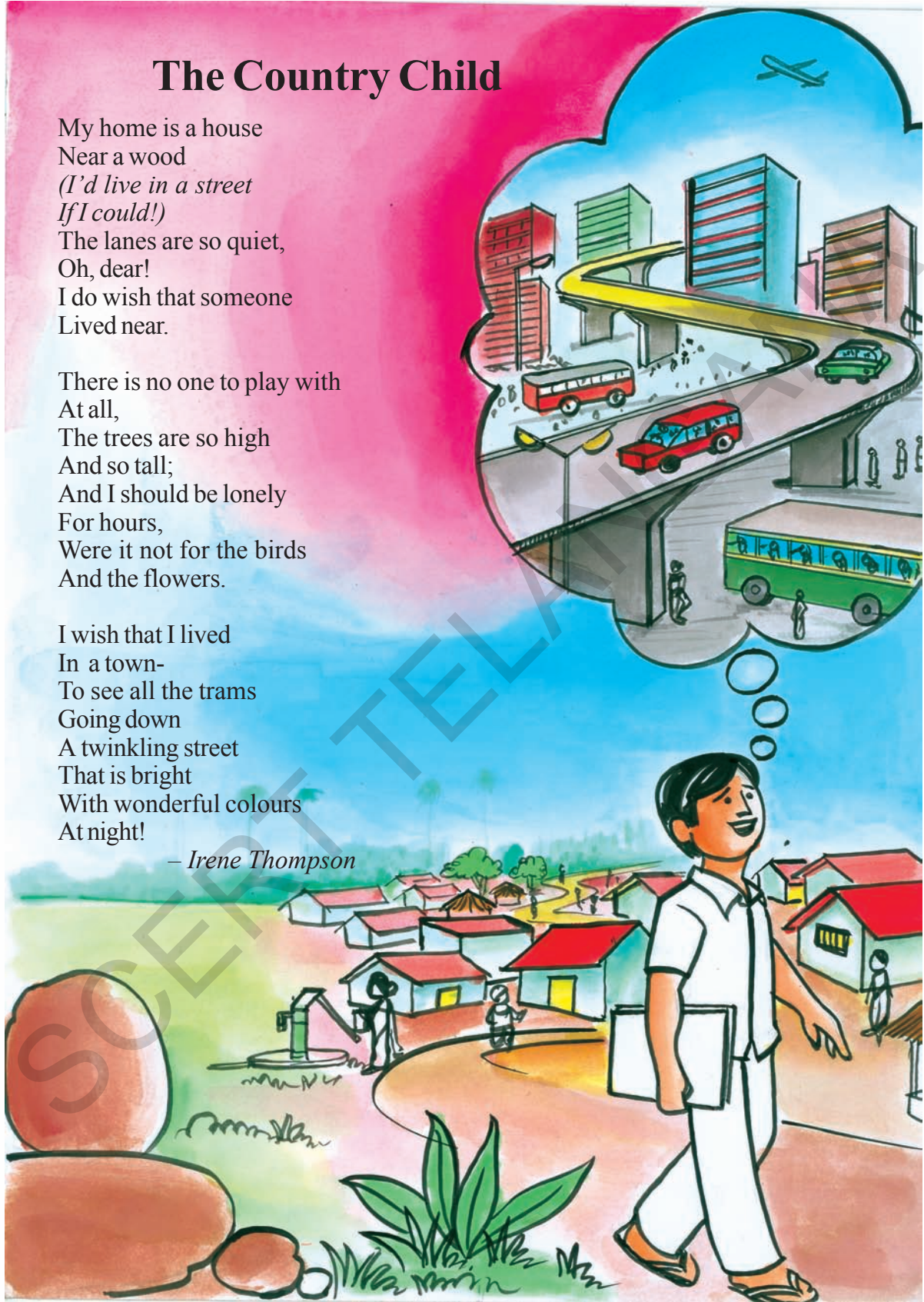
The Country Child

My home is a house
Near a wood
*(I'd live in a street
If I could!)*
The lanes are so quiet,
Oh, dear!
I do wish that someone
Lived near.

There is no one to play with
At all,
The trees are so high
And so tall;
And I should be lonely
For hours,
Were it not for the birds
And the flowers.

I wish that I lived
In a town-
To see all the trams
Going down
A twinkling street
That is bright
With wonderful colours
At night!

– Irene Thompson



Glossary

feet (n):	(here) people who walk in streets
tram (s):	an electric vehicle that transports people in cities
meadow (n):	a field with grass and often wild flowers
castle (n):	a large strong building
lane (n):	a narrow road in the countryside or in a town
twinkling (adj):	shining strongly and then weakly

I. Answer the following questions:

1. Where does the town child want to live?
2. Why is there smoke in the towns?
3. There is one thing that the town child loves. What is it?
4. "There is no one to play with at all." This sentence means.....
 - (a) There are no people in villages.
 - (b) There are no players in villages.
 - (c) The villages have lesser population than the towns.
5. What is the wish of the country child?
6. Which child is able to watch meadows and lambs?
7. Why are the lanes in the country so quiet?
8. Why are nights colourful in towns?
9. Pick out the rhyming words from both the poems.

The first one is done for you.

go	row
hear	
bright	
blue	
hours	
near	

10. If you were given an option to live in a town or a country, where would you prefer to live? Give reasons for your option.



Project

Conduct a Survey:

Study the following questionnaire and discuss the points in small groups.

Is your body something	Yes	No	May be
you keep clean and healthy?			
you respect and take care of?			
you use to express your feelings?			
you feel comfortable in?			
you feel secure and happy about?			
you feel peaceful about?			
that helps you create?			
you love?			
you know how to keep safe?			
you give and receive respect?			

Contact any five people in your school / your locality and ask the above questions. Collect information by ticking in the relevant column.

Analyse the results in the group and write a brief report on the result of your survey and present it before the class.

Use phrases as following:

Most people think that _____.

A few people think that _____.

Anyone hardly thinks that _____.

No one thinks that _____.

C. Reading

The New Blue Dress

When spring came to the city of Cleveland in 1909, it did not change Gates Avenue. People who lived on the pretty streets near Gates Avenue were making gardens and painting their houses. But Gates Avenue continued to look dirty and ugly.

Gates Avenue was a short street, but it seemed longer because it was so ugly. Most of the families who lived there had very little money. They never expected to have any more.