

B.Reading

Read the following poem:

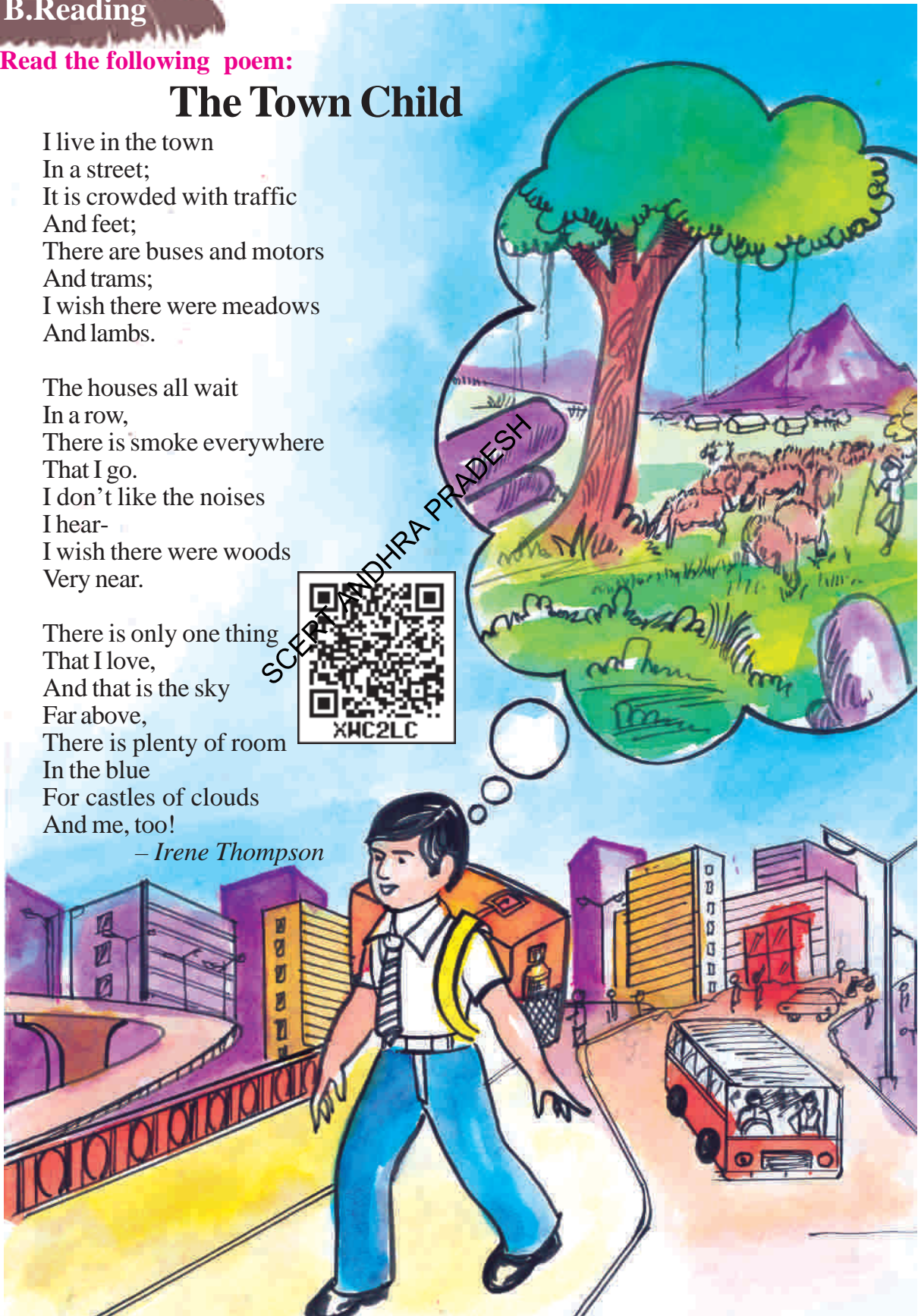
## The Town Child

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



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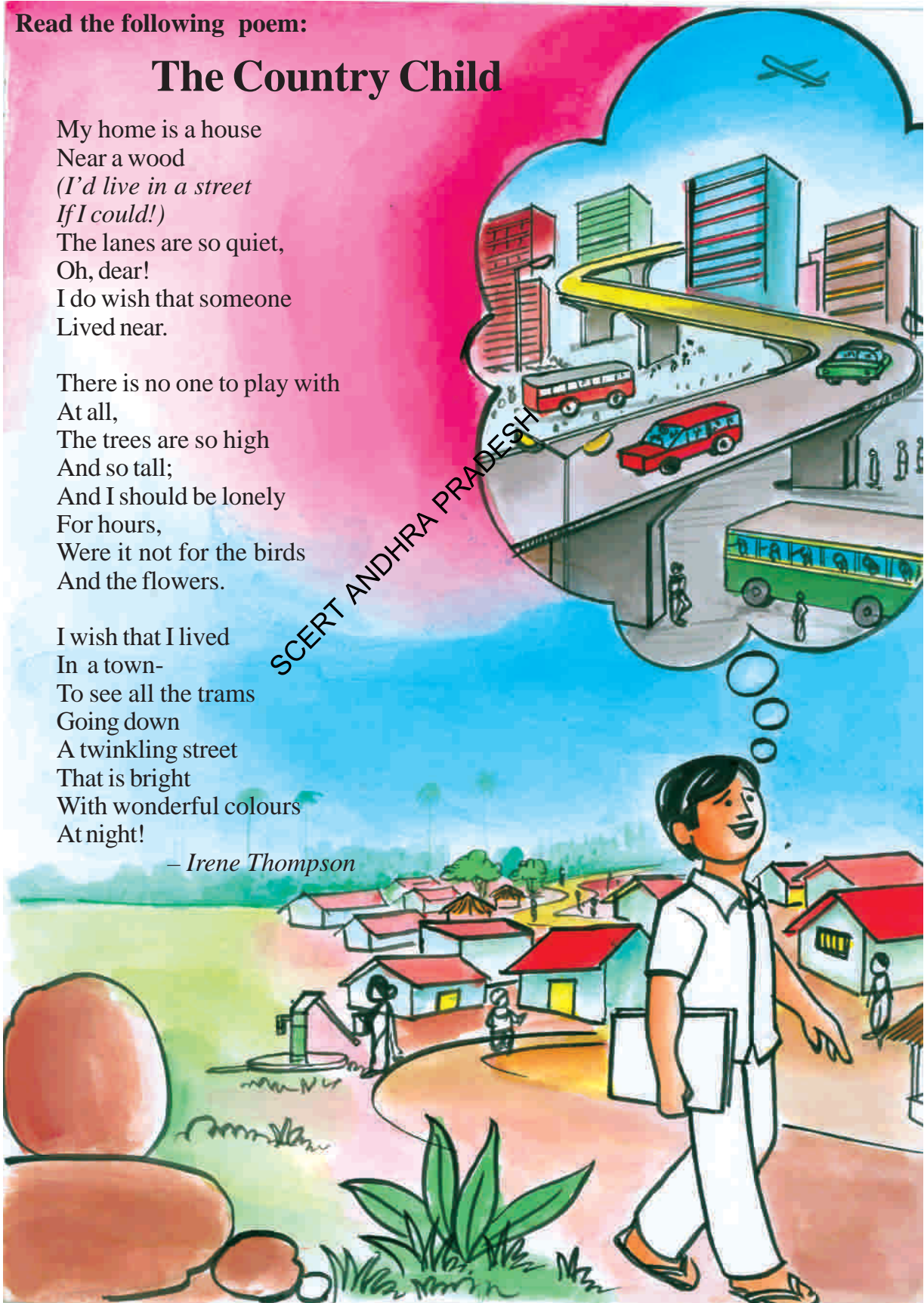
## The Country Child

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 home a place where	Yes	No	Don't know
you feel secure and happy?			
you can be alone?			
you can keep all your things?			
you can bring up a family?			
you can invite friends / relatives?			
you can make a noise if you want to?			
you can do whatever you like?			
you are in peace?			
you can look after your parents?			
you give and receive love?			

Contact people in your school / your locality and put these questions to them. 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.

Use phrases such as the following:

Most people think that \_\_\_\_\_

A few people think that \_\_\_\_\_

Hardly anyone thinks that \_\_\_\_\_

No one thinks that \_\_\_\_\_



## C. Reading

Read the following story:

### 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.