

# The Secret at the Rainbow's End

Beyond the hills where the clover grows thick,  
Past the creek that runs silver and quick,  
A rainbow stretches its ribbon of light,  
Painting the sky with a marvelous sight.

At the very end, where the colors touch ground,  
A heavy black kettle is waiting to be found.  
It's filled to the brim with sunshine in coins,  
Where the earth and the heavens' beauty joins.

The gold pieces dance like fireflies in the dark,  
Each one glowing with a magical spark.  
But beware of the leprechaun, tiny and bold,  
Who guards his treasure like a dragon of old!

If you reach for a coin, he'll vanish like mist,  
Leaving a secret that's easily missed:  
The gold isn't just metal to keep on a shelf,  
It's the luck of the Irish and the joy in yourself.



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1. In the first stanza, the poet uses a metaphor to describe the rainbow as a "ribbon of light." What does this tell the reader about the rainbow?

- A) It is made of silk and fabric.
- B) It is long, thin, and colorful.
- C) It is tied in a giant bow.
- D) It is very heavy.

2. The poem says the coins "dance like fireflies." This simile suggests that the coins are:

- A) Flying away into the sky.
- B) Shaking because they are cold.
- C) Glowing and flickering with light.
- D) Turning into small insects.

3. The poet says the leprechaun "guards his treasure like a dragon." What does this suggest about the leprechaun?

- A) He is very protective and won't let anyone touch the gold.
- B) He breathes fire when he gets angry.
- C) He has wings and flies over the mountains.
- D) He wants to give the gold away to friends.

4. What is the main message (theme) of the final stanza?

- A) You should always look for a leprechaun's house.
- B) True happiness comes from within, not from money.
- C) Gold is very difficult to find in the hills.
- D) Rainbows are painted by hand with special brushes.

5. Circle the homophones in the last stanza.