

Daddy fell into the pond

Everyone grumbled. The sky was grey.
We had nothing to do and nothing to say.
We were nearing the end of a dismal day,
And there seemed to be nothing beyond,

THEN

Daddy fell into the pond!
And everyone's face grew merry and bright,
And Timothy danced for sheer delight.

"Give me the camera, quick, oh quick!

He's crawling out of the duckweed."

Click!

Then the gardener suddenly slapped his knee,
And doubled up, shaking silently,
And the ducks all quacked as if they were daft
And it sounded as if the old drake laughed.

O, there wasn't a thing that didn't respond

WHEN

Daddy fell into the pond!

--Alfred Noyes

Comprehension questions

- 1, How would you describe the family's feelings in the first verse?
- 2, What cheered everybody up?
- 3, What did the gardener do in response?
- 4, How many pairs of rhyming words can you find?
- 5, Name two things that Timothy did after Daddy fell into the pond.
- 6, What is the name of the author of the poem?
- 7, How many adjectives can you identify?
- 8, What do you like about this poem? Is there anything you dislike?