



# The Tree Rhyme

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Level 2

## Story Description

A tree rhymes about itself, talking about the kinds of fruits and flowers it grows, and how it turns from a seed into a tree over time.

## Pre-Reading Vocabulary and Phonics

Evergreen

**e-vur-gr-ee-n**

*The tree that keeps its leaves year round is called an evergreen.*

Deciduous

*The tree that sheds its leaves every autumn is known as a deciduous.*

**dih-sid-you-uss**

Sycamore

**si-k-a-more**

*The sycamore tree grows conkers in the autumn, which fall and can be collected.*

Enduring

**en-d-your-ing**

*The tree lived for over 500 years. It was enduring.*



Standing tall with glee,  
I'm an evergreen tree.  
I keep my leaves to me,  
Never shedding annually.  
Call me a hemlock, a fir,  
A spruce or a pine,  
I'm there at Christmas time,  
When jingle bells chime,  
In your living room,  
Above the presents,  
And the mistletoe and wine.





Standing proud and free,

I'm a fruit tree.

My leaves fall free,

Each autumn, annually.

I'm an apple, a lemon,

An orange, a cherry,

You'll find me in the heat,

And the humidity.

In the summer,

When my fruits have grown,

Pick them with your hands,

Or throw a stone.



Standing happy to be,

I'm a deciduous tree.

My fruits, leaves and petals,

Fall annually.

I'm an acorn, a sycamore,

an elm, birch, an oak,

I'll shelter you from rain,

And a definite soak.

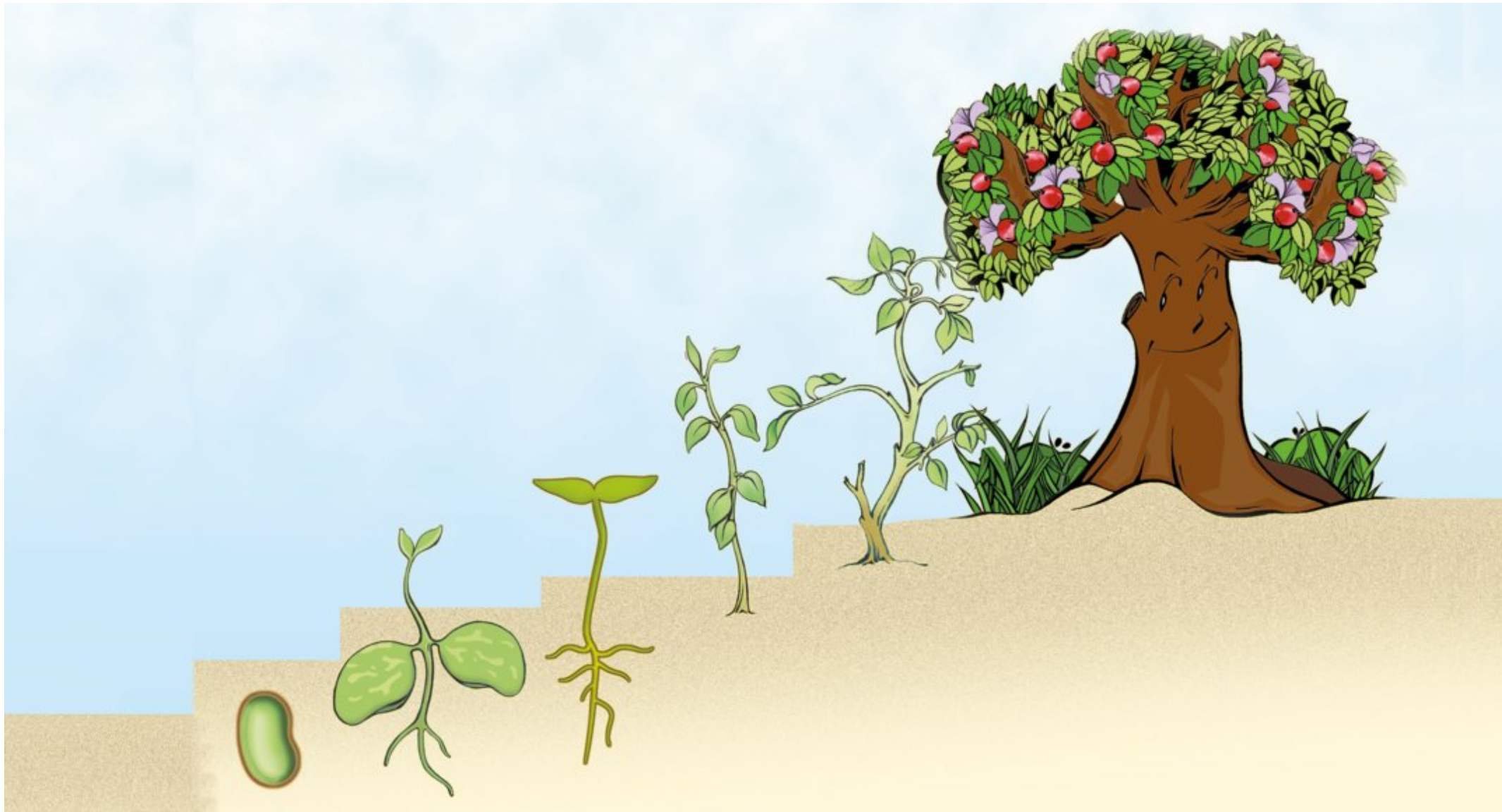
I have my blossom powers,

Growing pretty pink flowers.

Let's see and read,

The life cycle of me.





First I'm a seed, then a bundle of roots,  
Then some leaves and a cluster of shoots.  
A longer branch and bunches of leaves,  
Thicker branches, roots, then a tree.



You can't see them but under my trunk,  
There's a hidden part of me, a great chunk.  
It's like very long toes reaching down,  
Deeper and beneath the ground.





My roots! So deep, hidden and protected,  
To most creatures they go undetected.  
My roots soak up nutrients and water,  
Without them I would be much shorter!



My fruit's seeds soon fall all  
around,

And they get sewn into the  
ground.

Winter comes, spring,  
summer and autumn,

The changing seasons  
somehow sort them.

Then with the roots and  
strong foundation,

And according to my  
calculation,

It won't be long before they  
grow,

It won't be long before  
they...

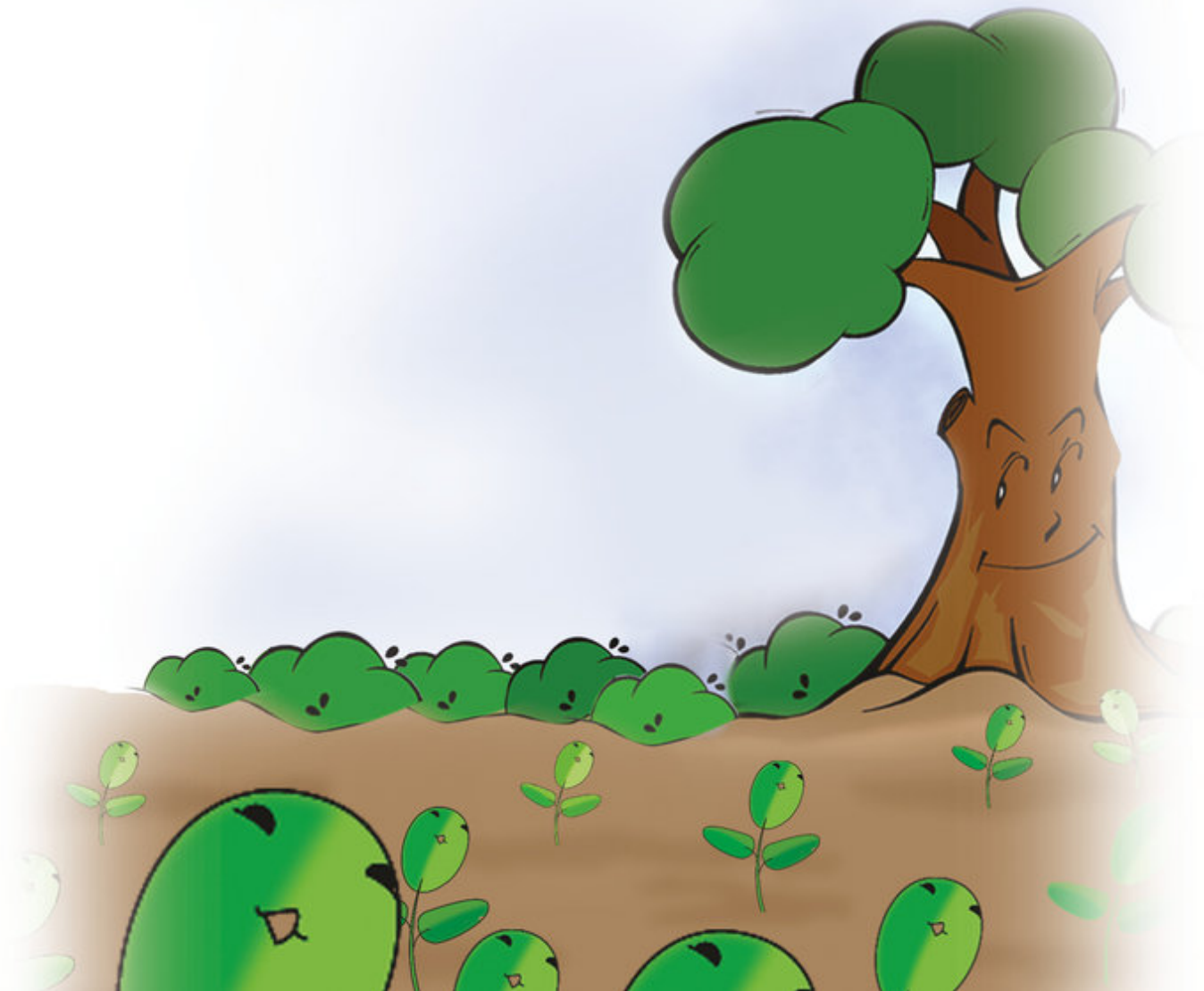
...show!

Suddenly when I look  
around,

I see that they all surround.

Feeding off the soil and  
roots,

Spreading with their  
stronger shoots.







Then over hundreds and hundreds of years,  
Having seen bears, foxes, wolves, cats, birds and deers,  
We have spread around together  
Having outlasted all kinds of weather



Standing fair and tall,  
Cleaning the air for all,  
We're one of the oldest  
things you'll see,  
The strong, firm, enduring  
tree.

## Post-Reading Questions

What kind of tree sheds its leaves **every year**?

What kind of tree keeps its leaves **year round**?

Re-read page 7. Ask: *In the **beginning** of its life, what is a tree?*

Re-read pages 8-9. Ask: *What does a tree have that we cannot **see** above the ground?*

Re-read page 13. Ask: *What do the trees do to the **air**?*

What is **your** favourite kind of tree?



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