



Good morning! We hope that our home learners and their families had an enjoyable weekend.

Today's poem describes the forming and subsequent disappearance of a small island.

DOROTHY WORDSWORTH (1771-1855)

Floating Island

Harmonious Powers with Nature work
On sky, earth, river, lake, and sea:
Sunshine and storm, whirlwind and breeze
All in one duteous task agree.

Once did I see a slip of earth,
By throbbing waves long undermined,
Loosed from its hold; — how no one knew
But all might see it float, obedient to the wind.

Might see it, from the mossy shore
Dissevered float upon the Lake,
Float, with its crest of trees adorned
On which the warbling birds their pastime take.

Food, shelter, safety there they find
There berries ripen, flowerets bloom;
There insects live their lives — and die:
A peopled world it is; in size a tiny room.

And thus through many seasons' space
This little Island may survive
But Nature, though we mark her not,
Will take away — may cease to give.

Perchance when you are wandering forth
Upon some vacant sunny day
Without an object, hope, or fear,
Thither your eyes may turn — the Isle is passed away.

Buried beneath the glittering Lake!
Its place no longer to be found,
Yet the lost fragments shall remain,
To fertilize some other ground.

Music

Defying Gravity – Wicked

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yf9Bt5WFZKs>

“Defying Gravity” is the signature song from the musical Wicked, composed by Stephen Schwartz. Elphaba sings of how she wants to be free and live without limits.

Fitness Challenge

How good is your shoulder flexibility? Find a rope or a towel. Hold each end and step through the rope, then keeping your arms straight try to bring it over your head! How short can you make the rope and still do this?