



14. I'd Like to Be a Lighthouse



I'd like to be a lighthouse
All scrubbed and painted white.
I'd like to be a lighthouse
And stay awake all night
To keep my eye on everything
That sails my patch of sea;
I'd like to be a lighthouse
With the ships all watching me.

A lighthouse is a tower, building or tall structure on the seashore. From the lighthouse, big beams or flashes of light are thrown out. These beams help ships at sea to navigate – to find their way across the sea. They can tell the ships that there is a port nearby, it is safe to go near the port or that there are dangerous rocks under the sea, etc. In days of old, modern means of communication like radio, mobile phones, internet were not available to people. Therefore, the warning signals of the lighthouse were very useful to ships.

In today's age of radio, TV, the internet, satellite services, many other facilities are available to ships (and aeroplanes) when they travel across the sea (or sky).

Things to do :

1. Answer the following questions with the help of the poem.
 - (a) What does a lighthouse look like ?
 - (b) What does a lighthouse do ?
 - (c) What does a lighthouse watch ?
2. If you were to be an object, what would you like to be ? What would you like to do then ? Write about it in short.