

Plastic Bag Tree

Plastic Bag Tree was written by the poet and author Michael Rosen. He wrote this poem when he was on a train on an autumn day. When he looked out of the train's window, he noticed that the trees had plastic bags caught in their branches, which covered them instead of leaves.

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<p>The bags are ripe On the Plastic Bag Tree, Bags as far As the eye can see.</p>	<p>Apples and pears, peaches and plums; The fruit is ripe, it's fantastic. Lemon and lime, bunches of grapes; And old bags, made of plastic.</p>
<p>5 Apples and pears, peaches and plums; The fruit is ripe, it's fantastic. Lemon and lime, bunches of grapes; And old bags, made of plastic.</p>	<p>20 There's plenty on the shelf. No need to panic. And next year's bags Might be organic*.</p>
<p>10 Shake the branches Gather the crop, It's time to take them Down to the shop.</p>	<p>25 The bags are ripe On the Plastic Bag Tree Bags as far As the eye can see. Bags as far</p>
<p>Fresh plastic bags On sale today. 15 There's a choice of colour: Black or grey!</p>	<p>30 As the eye can see. Bags of bags As I can see,</p>

Michael Rosen

Glossary

organic — when plants are grown without the use of chemicals



1 Which two words rhyme in the first verse?

1 mark

2 Do you think there are a lot of bags on the Plastic Bag Tree? How can you tell?

2 marks

3 Why does the narrator "Shake the branches" (line 9) of the Plastic Bag Tree?

1 mark

4 Write down the two adjectives used to describe the plastic bags on lines 1 and 13. Why do you think the author might have chosen these words?

2 marks

5 What does the word "panic" (line 22) mean? Check your answer in a dictionary.

1 mark

6 What do you notice about the different ways the word "bags" is used in line 31?

1 mark

7 What do you think Michael Rosen is trying to tell us about plastic bags? Explain your answer.

2 marks

Total
out of 10