

The Squirrel

Mildred Bowers Armstrong

About the Poetess:

- Mildred Bowers Armstrong was born in 1901 in the United States of America.
- She was a scholar and a lover of nature which is evident through her poems like *The Squirrel*.
- Her first collection of poetry was called *Twist O' Smoke*.
- she passed away in 1984.

The Text of the Poem:

He wore a question mark for tail,
An overcoat of gray,
He sat up straight to eat a nut.
He liked to tease and play,
And if we ran around his tree,
He went the other way.

About the Poem:

- 'He' in the poem refers to squirrel.
- The physical structure and its natural and quick demeanour has been talked about in the poem.
- Alliteration (poetic device) has been used in this short poem. The examples are:
 1. sat up straight.
 2. to tease.