

If I Were a Hawk

by Clare Bevan

If I were a hawk I'd circle and stalk,
If I were a toad I'd waddle and walk,
If I were a panther I'd prowl and I'd pace,
If I were a zebra I'd rear and I'd race,
If I were a seagull I'd soar and I'd sail,
If I were a slug I'd trudge and I'd trail,
If I were a snake I'd slide and I'd slither,
If I were a sloth I'd doze and I'd dither,
If I were a hippo I'd trundle and tramp,
If I were a rhino I'd stumble and stamp,
If I were a firefly I'd dart and I'd dance,
If I were a pony I'd plunge and I'd prance,
If I were a swordfish I'd spin and I'd spike—

But as I'm just me

I'll ride on my bike.

Note to teachers: see teaching notes for this poem.

Note to parents or carers: your child's teacher has been reading this poem aloud to your child's class so that they grow up with a love of poetry. You can help by reading this poem aloud to your child.

Do not ask your child to read the poem to you as it is above their reading level.