

Upside – Down

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Reading the Poem for understanding

- 1. Find the internal rhyming patterns in the poem.
- 2. How far are they successful in creating humour?
- 3. How does the title "Upside Down" match the actions of this person?
- 4. Pick out words and actions that highlight the absurdity of the central character.
- 5. How does the writer create humour in the poem through exaggeration of situations.
- 6. List the situations mentioned in the poem that arouse humour through exaggeration.
- 7. Mention what this person attempts to do seriously.
- 8. List situations which show Upside Down's lack of closeness to everyday life.
- 9. What does the response he gave to the waiter at the restaurant, tell us about him?
- 10. Does aunt's letter add any serious thing to the poem?