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## The Balloon Man

He always comes on market days  
 And holds balloons— a lovely *bunch*—  
 And in the market *square* he stays  
 And never seems to think of lunch.

They's red and purple, blue and green  
 And when it is sunny day  
 The carts and people get between  
 You see them shining far away.

And some are big and some are small,  
 All tied together with a *string*.  
 And if there is a wind at all  
 They tug and tug like anything.

Some day *perhaps* he'll let them go  
 And we shall see them sailing high,  
 And stand and watch them from below—  
 They would look pretty in the sky!

—Rose Fyleman



## New Word

*bunch* : cluster

*string* : fine cord or rope wire used for tying objects

*square* : having four sides equal

*perhaps* : possibly



## EXERCISE TIME

### Comprehension Skills

#### A. Multiple choice questions (MCQs). Tick (✓) the correct word :

- He always comes on \_\_\_\_\_ days
  - rainy
  - holi
  - market
- You see \_\_\_\_\_ shining far away.
  - him
  - them
  - her
- They would look \_\_\_\_\_ in the sky.
  - ugly
  - pretty
  - naughty

#### B. Answer these questions :

- When does 'he' come?
- What does 'he' hold?
- What happens to the 'lovely bunch' on a windy day?

### Fun with Words

#### C. Complete the words with or, ur and ir :

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### Essential Writing

#### D. Describe a balloon seller that you have seen in markets :

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### Fun to Do

- #### E. Make a paper collage to show the bunch of balloons. Decorate it with shones and glitter.