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# What Kitten Sees

by Liana Mahoney

Twinkling stars in skies of green,  
Sparkling heavens, jeweled scene.

Drips of silver glimmer bright,  
Wondrous streams of glowing light.

Angels floating - haloed heads;  
Clouds of glass in blues and reds.

Now I know what kitten sees,  
From underneath the Christmas tree!



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**ANSWER KEY**

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**The kitten is looking up at the twinkling tree. To the kitten, it looks as though the green branches of the tree make up the sky.**

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**This line is referring to glass ornaments that are hanging on the tree.**

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**Answers will vary. Students may mention that it is filled with shiny objects. It would also be unusual for a kitten to see a tree inside the house.**

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