I'm tired of my sister chasing me around.

She'll have to look much harder, to track me down today.

'Cause I just solved my problem--A secret hideaway.
1. Show the problem and solution in the poem.

   Problem
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   Solution
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2. What does the phrase “track me down” mean in the poem?
   a. to hide from me
   b. to figure out where I am
   c. to hear me
   d. to run fast

3. Name three places at your home that would make a good secret hideaway.
   1. ____________________________________________
   2. ____________________________________________
   3. ____________________________________________
“Problem Solved” Poem

Activity Ideas

1. Students can draw a picture of a place they might use as a secret hideaway in their home. Then, write two or three sentences to describe it.

2. Before reading the poem, tell students about the problem.
   “The boy in our poem today has a problem. His sister keeps chasing him all around the house. How might he solve this problem?”

3. Have students count the syllables in each line to find the pattern.

4. Ask the students to tell what might happen next in the poem. They could write their ideas in a complete sentence. Higher students could even add an additional stanza to the poem.

5. Have the students -
   Find two contractions, and underline them in blue.
   (I'm and she'll. There may be 3, if you count the word 'cause.)

   Find two compound words and underline them in red.
   (everywhere and hideaway)
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**Problem**

The boy's sister is following him and

**Solution**

The boy finds a place to hide from

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   1. **Answers will vary.**
   2. ____________________________________________
   3. ____________________________________________