Butter Churn
by Liana Mahoney

I wish I had a butter churn,
Like those used long ago.
So in my kitchen I could have
A butter-making show!

I'd show my friends the magic trick

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But when my arms began to ache,
I think I'd stop the show.
For making butter is hard work,
Since churning goes so slow.

I love sweet butter - yes, it's true!
But churning's such a chore.
Instead, I'll put it on my list
And buy some at the store!


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1. Why does the narrator of the poem want a butter churn?

The narrator of the poem wants to have a butter-making show in her kitchen. She wants to show her friends how she can make butter.

2. According to the poem, what is the main ingredient in making butter?

Thick, rich cream is used to make butter.

3. Why does the narrator of the poem decide not to churn butter in the last two verses of the poem?

Making butter causes aching arms and it is a slow process.

Challenge: Count the number of syllables in each line of the poem. Write the number of syllables at the end of each line.

The odd-numbered lines each have 8 syllables.
The even-numbered lines each have 6 syllables.