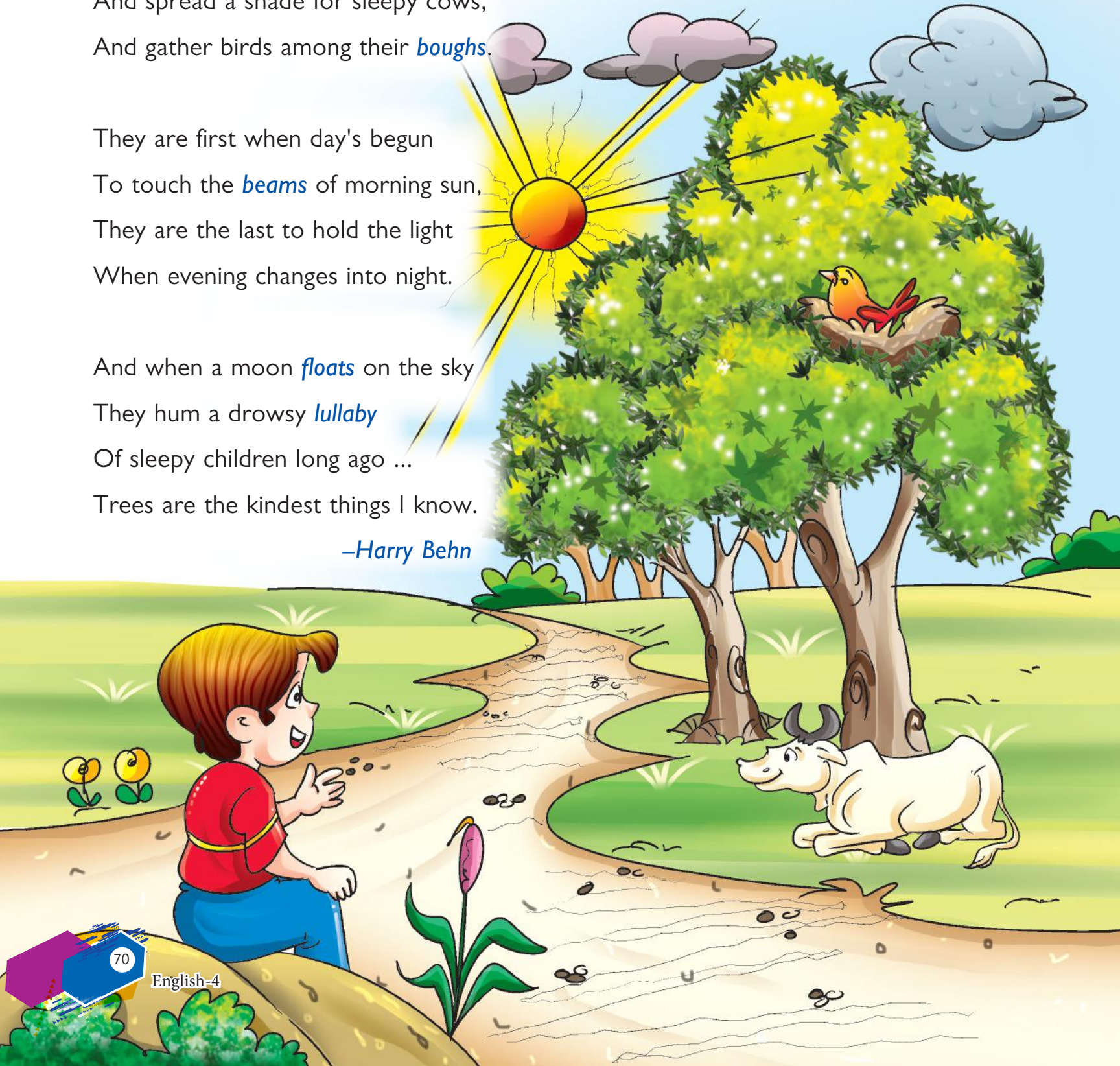


Trees are the kindest things I know,  
They do no harm, they simply grow  
And spread a shade for sleepy cows,  
And gather birds among their *boughs*.

They are first when day's begun  
To touch the *beams* of morning sun,  
They are the last to hold the light  
When evening changes into night.

And when a moon *floats* on the sky  
They hum a drowsy *lullaby*  
Of sleepy children long ago ...  
Trees are the kindest things I know.

—Harry Behn



## New Word

boughs : branches

lullaby : a song that makes babies sleep

beams : rays of the sun

floats : (here) moves



## EXERCISE TIME

## Comprehension Skills

### A. Tick (✓) the correct word :

1. \_\_\_\_\_ are the kindest things I know.

a. Trees

b. Animals

c. Men

2. They are \_\_\_\_\_ when day began.

a. first

b. second

c. last

3. They are the \_\_\_\_\_ to hold the light.

a. first

b. last

c. fourth

### B. Read these lines from the poem. Answer the questions that follow :

*They are first when day's begun*

*To touch the beams of morning sun,*

*They are the last to hold the light*

*When evening changes into night.*

1. What happens at daybreak ?

2. What happens at sunset ?

### C. Answer the following questions :

1. Why does the poet say that trees are kind ?

2. What is it that trees do first and last ?

3. When does the moon float in the sky ?

4. How does the poet make the tree seem like a living person ?

## Fun with Words

D. Fill in the blanks with 'f', 'gh' or 'ph' to complete these words :

rou\_\_\_

\_\_\_raf

\_\_\_ in

\_\_\_ ace

\_\_\_ one

lau\_\_\_

## Essential Grammar

E. Encircle the adverb that describes the verb :

1. My dog always barks.
2. I usually lock the car door.
3. The truck grumbled loudly.
4. They swam lazily in the pool.
5. Peter neatly wrote a shopping list.

## Essential Speaking

F. Work with pairs.

Talk with partner : How we should save trees and take care of nature ?

## Essential Writing

G. Trees are our best friends. Write eight sentences about this.

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## Fun to Do

H. You must have heard of several activities that are being encouraged today to save trees and to care for nature. Enlist at least two things you can do, that will be a step towards care for nature.