

You by Kristina Stephenson

1. What is the message the author is trying to share through this poem?

2. Do you agree with this message? Why?

3. What do you notice about the illustrations that go with this poem? Do you notice anything special about the tree? What do you notice about the children?

4. What do you think these children's dreams are?



5. What is your dream for the future?



Be the YOU you want to be.
Not a you like he or she.
For he and she should also be
Whoever it is *THEY* want to be.



Dream the dreams you want to dream,
No matter how different those dreams may seem.
For that's what dreams are meant to be,
Different for you and he and she.

Don't let anyone say: 'You can't!'
'You're silly!'
'You'll never!'
'You're daft!'
'You shan't!'

If you have a dream, then you can be . . .

Whatever sort of YOU
you want to be.



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