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Poem

The Long Way Home

A

1. The boy's mother said these words to the boy.
2. The speaker suggested this because it was a shorter route.
3. The boy thought to himself that his mother did not understand his reasons for not coming through Mr Donkin's land.

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1. The boy takes the long way home because the shorter way crosses Mr Donkin's house. He has a dog which the boy is scared of.
2. Ma asks him to take the footbridge track so that he can get home sooner.
3. He says that because he feels that his mother does not understand his reasons for taking the long way back home. She doesn't know about the dog.
4. He likes to cross the fallen log because it sometimes has lizards in it. He likes to stop and play with the lizards on his way back.
5. He would get wet and muddy, and his mother would be annoyed.
6. No, the boy's home is not very far from Billy's home because there is a direct way to his house through Mr Donkin's land. However, he chooses to take the long path home because of several reasons.