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Oranges and Lemons

Oranges and lemons,
Say the bells of St. Clements,
I owe you five farthings,
Say the bells of St. Martins,
When will you pay me?
Say the bells of Old Bailey,
When I grow rich,
Say the bells at Shoreditch,
When will that be?
Say the bells of Stepney,
I'm sure I don't know,
Says the great bell at Bow.
Here comes the candle to light you to bed,
Here comes the chopper to chop off your head,
Chip chop chip chop the last man's . . . HEAD!



Answer the following questions:

1. What is the rhyme scheme of this poem (count slant rhymes):
2. Based on the poem, what might a farthing be?
3. Look up farthing and write the actual definition here:
- 4.
- 5.
6. What is the name of the punctuation mark that comes between “man’s” and “HEAD!” in the last line of the poem?
7. There is an earlier version of the nursery rhyme that includes more churches. In this earlier version, what do the bells of St. Peters say?

8. Look up this poem on Google and write down one interesting fact that you have found out about it.

New Literary Term (will be on your next term quiz):

SLANT RHYME

Also called *approximate rhyme*, *lazy rhyme*, *sprung rhyme*, *off rhyme*, *imperfect rhyme*, or *half rhyme*,

a rhyme in which the sounds are close, but not exact, as in *home* and *come* or *close* and *lose*.