A Game of Hide and Seek

If you're a dancer, look for it in each step.
You can find it in a meal if you are a chef.

If you are a climber, look for it in the hills.
On a roller coaster, it may hide itself in thrills.

If books are your **passion**, hunt it on the page.
If you are an actor, it's somewhere on the stage.

If you cuddle cats, it may curl itself in purrs.
If you like to rhyme, it pals around with words.

If you are a gardener, then peek inside your blooms.
If you love to play music, then listen close to tunes.

Look for it between the lines if you like to draw.
If you love walking dogs, check those furry paws.

If photos are your thing, look inside your frame.
If sports make you happy, **scrutinize** the game.

LITERARY CHECK

What are some examples of **repetition** in the poem? How many lines are in each **stanza**?



passion, a feeling of strong interest
scrutinize, to look carefully

While gazing at the night, you can **observe** it in stars.
Down at the racetrack, you can check inside the cars.

Pay attention to your knitting if you are a crafter.
When you're with friends, look for it in laughter.

If you love birds, take a **gander** up at wings.
You get the point by now—success is many things.

It's in the thing that makes your heart race—makes you sing a little song.
It's the thing you would do gladly, if you could, all day long.

Your success is hiding where no one else can find it.
It's like a secret contract, and only you can sign it.

Seek success inside the palace with a **multitude** of doors:
The only way to find it is to go through one of *yours*.

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observe, to watch something and take note of its qualities
gander, a look; also, a male goose
multitude, a large number



✓ LITERARY CHECK

What is the **extended metaphor** in this poem?

Reading Skill

Take turns reading each stanza of the poem. Listen to the way your partner reads. If you don't understand an idea or word, ask your partner to clarify or explain. This will help you understand the poem. Then demonstrate your comprehension of the poem by doing the same for your partner.

Before You Go On

1. According to the poem, where can you find success? Explain.
2. What is the "palace with a multitude of doors"?

On Your Own

According to the poem, is there only one path to success? Explain.