

## DON'T TELL

Are there some things that grown-ups don't let you do? Read about what this child feels.



There are lots of things  
They won't let me do –  
I'm not big enough yet,  
They say.

So, I patiently wait  
Till I'm all grown-up;  
And I'll show Them all,  
One day.

I could show Them now  
If they gave me the chance,  
There are things I could do  
If I tried.

But nobody knows,  
No nobody knows, that I'm  
Really a giant,  
Inside.



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## New words:

Enough, chance, giant, patient

**Enough:** as much as needed

- 1) I had **enough** lunch with my friends.
- 2) The work is not **enough**.

**Chance:** possibility

- 1) You should take a **chance** with this question.
- 2) There is a **chance** of winning the game.

**Giant:** of a huge size.

- 1) I saw a **giant** building near my house.
- 2) I saw a **giant** animal in my dream.

**Patient:** to be able to wait for something for a long time.

- 1) My teacher was very **patient** with the students.
- 2) Being **patient** is always helpful.

## Reading is fun:

1. How old is the speaker?

2. Who are 'they' and 'them' in the poem?

3. What is the secret the speaker is hiding?

### Talk time:

1. Think of three things that 'they' won't let you do.

2. What are the things you'd like to do when you are grown-up that you can't do now?

### Word building:

1. Using the letters of the given word, make three words. One is done for you.

Black board    mother    vegetable    thousand    helicopter

Black    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_

Board    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_

Back    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_    \_\_\_\_\_

2. Look at these words in the poem.

Don't    I'm    I'll

Here are their full forms:

Don't - Do not

I'm - I am

I'll - I will

i. Now write the full forms of the following words.

Can't \_\_\_\_\_

It's \_\_\_\_\_

Isn't \_\_\_\_\_

What's \_\_\_\_\_

That's \_\_\_\_\_