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"My Shadow" **A Child's Garden of Verses**

Directions: Invite a friend or classmate to share this activity with you. On a sunny day, beginning early in the morning, take sidewalk chalk and a measuring tape outdoors where there is a wide piece of cement. Have your friend trace your feet with the chalk. Then trace the shadow you cast with the chalk too. Measure the height of the shadow. Do the same for your friend. Return to your footprints in exactly one hour. Stand on your footprints again. Have your friend trace your new shadow and measure it. Continue drawing new shadows one hour apart during the day. What do you notice about the shadow, its motion, and its height? How does what you learn compare to what the author of the poem says about shadows?