

Read the poem and answer the questions given below:

"Where Do All the Teachers Go?"

by Peter Dixon

For a little child, a teacher is special. It is difficult for a small child to think of his/her teacher as an ordinary person.

*Where do all the teachers go
When it's four o'clock?
Do they live in houses
And do they wash their socks?
Do they wear pajamas
And do they watch TV?
And do they pick their noses
The same as you and me?
Do they live with other people
Have they mums and dads?
And were they ever children
And were they ever bad?
Did they ever, never spell right
Did they ever make mistakes?
Were they punished in the corner
If they pinched the chocolate flakes?
Did they ever lose their hymn books
Did they ever leave their greens?
Did they scribble on the desktops
Where Do All the Teachers Go?
Did they wear old dirty jeans?
I'll follow one back home today
I'll find out what they do
Then I'll put it in a poem
That they can read to you.*

Answer the following:

1. What is the message conveyed by the poet?
2. Are there any rhyming words in the poem? If yes, mention two.
3. What can you infer from this phrase "punished in the corner"?
4. a) Why does the poet wonder if teachers also do things that the other people do?
b) How does the poet find out? What will he do once he finds out?