

What's-is-tina

Climbing Up

Grandchild and I climb up wooden **bleachers**
to the topmost row against the **wall**.
The gym has watchers and indoor soccer **players**.
We talk as we sit carefully and ponder **life**.

We discussed what we should do with our **life**—
occupations and who will be the **players**.
We huddled close to the comforting **wall**
glad to be inside on dry **bleachers**.

We were pondering professions, speculative **reachers**,
hoping our positions last and we don't **fall**.
We relished our once rain-speckled now dry **layers**
high above the competitive **strife**.

She wants to tend lambs and no **strife**.
Her life will add steps and **layers**.
Now dreams being a house painter, unafraid to **fall**.
She and I will both be long **reachers**.

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1. Write and unrhymed quatrain.
2. Reverse the end words in the second stanza.
3. Rhyme the end words of the third stanza with the first.
4. Reverse order of these rhyme words in the 4th stanza.
5. The end words are in bold.
6. You can do this with a group with each one contributing an end word.
7. You can rhyme more stanzas if you wish and reverse the end words.