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Leprechaun Language

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I couldn't believe what I stumbled upon,
There he was before me- a real leprechaun.
He said "I just woke from my long morning nap,"
Stretching his arms, he fixed his giant black cap.
"I didn't see you there when I first woke up,
I'm making some tea now, would you like a cup?"
He had bright blue eyes and a rather long nose
With emerald green shoes that turned up at the toes
We chatted together while drinking our tea
Just the two of us- the leprechaun and me
He said "You know that soon it's St. Patrick's Day?
I'll share with you, friend, something the Irish say.
They have a saying that is oh, so clever,
Erin Go Bragh means Ireland forever!"

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1. What did the leprechaun do right after he woke up?

- a. stretched his legs
- b. made some tea
- c. sang a song
- d. danced a jig

2. What does the Irish phrase "Erin Go Bragh" mean?

3. Which piece of information is **not** mentioned in the poem?

- a. The leprechaun has blue eyes.
- b. The leprechaun had a green hat.
- c. The leprechaun had emerald shoes.
- d. The leprechaun had a long nose.

4. Which word best describes the leprechaun in this poem?

clever

sneaky

friendly

Tell why you chose this word. _____

Challenge:

On a separate sheet of lined paper, write your own poem about a leprechaun. Draw an illustration to go along with your poem.