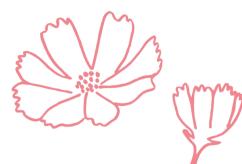
Garden Museum Arts Award Activity Resource



Vita Sackville-West (1892 - 1962)

Artist Facts:

- Vita Sackville-West was a British poet, novelist, and garden designer born in Kent.
- Being outside and around nature often inspired her work.
- Gardens at her home in Kent included a White Garden, Rose Garden, Orchard, Cottage Garden and Nuttery.

8 We had a garden on a hill We planted rose and daffodil, Howers that English poets sing and hoped for going in the spring. We planted yellow holly hocks, and humble sweetly smelling stocks, and columbines for carnival and dreamt of summer's festival. and autumn not to be outdone as heiress of the summer sun Should doubly meather her tawny head with poppies and with creepers red. We waited then for them to grow, We planted wallflowers in a row, and lavender and brage blue, But love was all that ever grew.

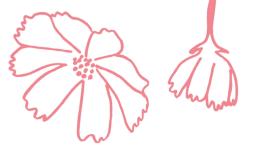
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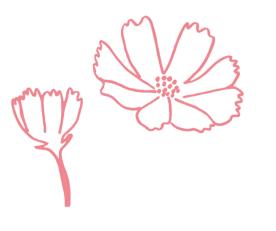
- This poem is inspired by Vita's joy of being at home with her family and her love of gardening.
- The poem uses both rhythm and rhyme to suggest peace and happiness.
- Can you spot the words that rhyme?
- What words would you use to describe your garden at home or at school?





Artwork title: The Garden Date: 1915 Medium: Ink on paper





Artwork title: Vita Sackville-West Date: 1958 Medium: Bromide print