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The Gingerbread Man's Lament

By Ruth Donnelly

Dear Santa,

I write my Christmas letter
By the oven's fiery glow.
'Cause I've got dreams and wishes.



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Or, failing that, a sweater.
These candy buttons aren't so cool—
A zipper suits me better.

I'd really love some Ray-Ban shades
To hide my raisin eyes.
And a purple wool fedora,
If they make them in my size.

So, thanks for listening, Santa.
I thought it worth a try.
But you'd really better hurry—
They're finished with their pie!



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1. The title of this poem is "The Gingerbread Man's Lament." What does the word *lament* mean? (Use a dictionary if you're not sure.)
 - a. to express sadness or sorrow
 - b. to beg or plead for something
 - c. to express joy and happiness



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3. At the end of the poem, the Gingerbread Man says,

But you'd really better hurry—
They're finished with their pie.

Why does he say this?

4. Where is the Gingerbread Man when he writes this poem?

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4. Where is the Gingerbread Man when he writes this poem?

He is in the oven, or near the oven.