

The speaker says it has been five years since he last visited this setting. The speaker comments on how, as in his last visit, he can sit underneath a shady sycamore tree and from there look down at the surrounding farmland in the valley, including at the gardens surrounding cottages and at the many clumps of trees within orchards. The lines of bushes that he can see are, from his vantage point, tiny and almost indistinguishable as deliberately planted rows, and the picturesque, rural farms also look almost completely green. He notes that because of the time of year (mid-summer), the fruit on the trees is not yet ripe and the orchards are completely green, blending in with the surrounding trees