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Purple Cow

In "The Purple Cow," Gelett Burgess humorously expresses his fascination with the idea of a purple cow, noting that he's never seen one and would find it remarkable. Yet, paradoxically, he wouldn't want to become one.

I never saw a Purple Cow,
I never hope to see one;
But I can tell you, anyhow,
I'd rather see than be one.



Questions

1. What is the main subject of the poem?
2. Has the poet ever seen a purple cow?
3. How does the poet feel about the idea of seeing a purple cow?
4. How does the poet feel about the idea of being a purple cow?
5. Why do you think the poet chose a purple cow as the subject?