The following poem is an allegory/microcosm/synecdoche of the entire novel. While this may seem like a spoiler, it is pretty evident that the poem is essential during the first quarter of the text. Read the poem below before reading the text. Pay attention to all of the underlined nouns. Then, choose one highlighter color to highlight all of the nouns that you think are literal and another color for figurative nouns. For example, is the hive actually a nest of bees (literal-highlighted in green) or is it a metaphor for a collection of people (figurative-highlighted in orange)? As you read, confirm or deny whether you predicted the literal/figurative nature of each noun correctly.

“Ten Little Soldier Boys” \*\*

Ten little Indian boys went out to dine; One choked his little self and then there were Nine.   
Nine little Indian boys sat up very late; One overslept himself and then there were Eight.   
Eight little Indian boys traveling in Devon; One said he'd stay there and then there were Seven.   
Seven little Indian boys chopping up sticks; One chopped himself in halves and then there were Six.   
Six little Indian boys playing with a hive; A bumblebee stung one and then there were Five.   
Five little Indian boys going in for law; One got into Chancery and then there were Four.   
Four little Indian boys going out to sea; A red herring swallowed one and then there were Three.   
Three little Indian boys walking in the Zoo; A big bear hugged one and then there were Two.   
Two little Indian boys were out in the sun; One got all frizzled up and then there was one.   
One little Indian boy left all alone; He went out and hanged himself and then there were none.

\*\*In the original publication of And Then There Were None, Agatha Christie use the rhyme with its original name, “Ten Little Niggers”-written by Frank J. Green in 1869. This was later changed to “Ten Little Indians.” However, due to the ethnically sensitive nature of both of these words, modern versions use “soldiers” or “sailors” or “teddy bears.” As of 2007, the rhyme is “Ten Little Soldier Boys.”

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