

A watercolor illustration of a young child with blonde hair, wearing a brown plaid dress and dark shoes, sitting on a wooden staircase. The child is looking down with their hands clasped near their face, appearing thoughtful or sad. The staircase has a wooden handrail and a white balustrade. In the background, there is a white door and a window with a potted plant. The scene is lit with a soft, warm light.

HALFWAY DOWN

HALFWAY down the stairs
Is a stair
Where I sit.
There isn't any
Other stair
Quite like
It.
I'm not at the bottom,
I'm not at the top;
So this is the stair
Where
I always
Stop.

Halfway up the stairs
Isn't up,
And isn't down.
It isn't in the nursery,
It isn't in the town.
And all sorts of funny thoughts
Run around my head:
"It isn't really
Anywhere!
It's somewhere else
Instead!"

A. A. MILNE