

# **A Fly on the Wall: Poem Illustrating How We Do Not See the Full Picture**

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**Grade Level:** 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup>, High School, Kiruv

**Description:**

A short poem illustrating how we only get to see part of Hashem's intricate Master Plan. A nice addition to a discussion about, Nisyonos or Tzaddik V'ra Lo. Available with a concise lesson plan as a non-editable PDF, or without the lesson plan as an editable Word document.

**Goals/Objectives:**

Students will discuss how life's challenges were specifically designed to create something of beauty.

**Instructions:**

1. Discuss the reasons for being given challenging or painful situations. Give examples.
2. Read the poem.
3. Encourage students to think of their own Meshalim to illustrate this idea.

# A Fly on The Wall

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Once upon a time, there was a fly, who buzzed around the place,  
Looking for somewhere to land or maybe a familiar face.

Circling the place, he lands on a blob of black,  
"This is ugly," he thinks, "of color is does lack"

Why would one paint such a color, maybe for nice things he doesn't care,  
But pretty colors- there are billions of 'em out there!

But stepping back, the fly slowly moves off the wall,  
And slowly he begins to eye it all

A stunning view, a beautiful painting, of which he had only seen a piece,  
When the actual image was a stunning garden in the country of Greece

He had landed on one part that really was quite plain,  
But the black was needed in to picture to complete the terrain

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Hashem hands us situations that don't seem to make too much sense to us,  
We don't see the full picture- but in Him we do trust