



Year 10 Poetry 12: The Last Light of Dusk

Read the following poem and answer the questions below:

The Last Light of Dusk

As day retreats and shadows fall,
The last light of dusk begins to fade,
Casting hues of gold across the wall,
In the twilight's soft and fleeting shade.

The sky, a canvas brushed with fire,
Melts from crimson to a deeper blue,
While evening stars, like faint desire,
Pierce the veil of the night's debut.

The whisper of the wind grows still,
As the world prepares for night's embrace,
And darkness settles with a chill,
Transforming every quiet place.

The final rays of sun descend,
A gentle promise of the night,
And as the day comes to its end,
The stars emerge with gentle light.

So linger in the dusk's last glow,
And let the calm of evening sweep,
For in the twilight's subtle show,
Lies the peace that night will keep.



Multiple Choice Questions

1. What does the last light of dusk symbolize in the poem?
 - A) The end of the day and the beginning of night
 - B) The start of a new day
 - C) The brightness of midday
 - D) The height of the sun's power

2. The phrase "The sky, a canvas brushed with fire" is an example of:
 - A) Simile
 - B) Metaphor
 - C) Hyperbole
 - D) Personification

3. What is the mood of the poem?
 - A) Calm
 - B) Anxious
 - C) Excited
 - D) Angry

4. The line "And darkness settles with a chill" suggests:
 - A) The warmth of the evening
 - B) The gradual arrival of night
 - C) The brightness of the sunset
 - D) The heat of the day



5. Which language technique is used in "The final rays of sun descend"?
- A) Simile
 - B) Hyperbole
 - C) Alliteration
 - D) Metaphor
6. The poet's use of "The whisper of the wind grows still" implies:
- A) The wind is becoming louder
 - B) The wind is calming down as night approaches
 - C) The wind is becoming more chaotic
 - D) The wind is transforming into a storm
7. How does the poet convey a sense of tranquility in the poem?
- A) By describing the brightness of midday
 - B) Through the depiction of the evening's transition and the calm of dusk
 - C) By focusing on the hustle of the day
 - D) Through the portrayal of a busy cityscape
8. What theme is explored in the poem?
- A) The excitement of dawn
 - B) The passage of time and the peaceful transition to night
 - C) The energy of the afternoon
 - D) The brightness of the sun at its peak



9. How does the poet create a sense of transition in the poem?

- A) By describing the changing light from day to night
- B) Through the description of a midday sun
- C) By focusing on the dawn's early light
- D) Through the portrayal of a busy city evening

10. What is the effect of the final stanza?

- A) It suggests that the night is chaotic and disruptive.
- B) It reinforces the idea of finding peace in the twilight hours.
- C) It highlights the excitement of the approaching dawn.
- D) It implies that the day will continue without change.



Short Answer Questions

1. How does the poet use imagery to convey the theme of transition in the poem?

2. Discuss the significance of the twilight's colors and their effect on the mood of the poem.

3. Analyze the impact of the phrase "The sky, a canvas brushed with fire."

4. What does the poet suggest about the relationship between day and night in the poem?



5. Explain the meaning of the line "So linger in the dusk's last glow."

6. How does the poem's structure contribute to its overall meaning?

7. What role does personification play in developing the poem's theme?

8. How does the poet create a sense of calm and tranquility in the poem?



9. In what ways does the poem explore the theme of peace and reflection?

10. How does the ending of the poem reinforce the idea of finding solace in the evening?



Answer Key

Multiple Choice Answers:

1. A) The end of the day and the beginning of night
2. B) Metaphor
3. A) Calm
4. B) The gradual arrival of night
5. C) Alliteration
6. B) The wind is calming down as night approaches
7. B) Through the depiction of the evening's transition and the calm of dusk
8. B) The passage of time and the peaceful transition to night
9. A) By describing the changing light from day to night
10. B) It reinforces the idea of finding peace in the twilight hours.

Short Answer Key:

1. The poet uses imagery such as "The sky, a canvas brushed with fire" and "The last light of dusk begins to fade" to convey the transition from day to night, illustrating the peaceful shift and the calm that comes with twilight.
2. The twilight's colors, described as "brushed with fire" and melting "from crimson to a deeper blue," evoke a serene and reflective mood, emphasizing the beauty and tranquility of the evening transition.
3. The phrase "The sky, a canvas brushed with fire" suggests the vibrant and dynamic colors of the sunset, emphasizing the dramatic yet fleeting beauty of the twilight.
4. The poet suggests that day and night are interconnected through the transition of light. The evening represents a calm and peaceful end to the day, leading naturally into the night.
5. The line "So linger in the dusk's last glow" implies that there is value and tranquility to be found in the final moments of daylight, encouraging the reader to savor and reflect during the twilight hours.
6. The poem's structure, with its rhythmic and flowing quatrains, mirrors the gradual and peaceful transition from day to night, reinforcing the theme of tranquility and reflection.
7. Personification, such as describing the sky as a "canvas brushed with fire" and the wind as growing still, adds a sense of artistry and calm to the evening, enhancing the theme of peaceful transition.
8. The poet creates a sense of calm and tranquility by focusing on the gentle transition from daylight to night, using descriptive language to evoke the serenity of the dusk and the promise of peaceful night.
9. The poem explores the theme of peace and reflection by depicting the transition from day to night as a serene and calming experience, suggesting that twilight provides an opportunity for quiet contemplation.



10. The ending of the poem reinforces the idea of finding solace in the evening by highlighting the peaceful and calming nature of dusk, encouraging the reader to appreciate and find tranquility in the twilight hours.



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