



Year 7 Poetry 1: The Whispering Forest

Read the following poem and answer the questions below:

The Whispering Forest

In the forest, where shadows play,
Among the trees, both night and day,
A gentle breeze begins to sway,
Whispering secrets, far away.

Leaves rustle softly, a secret song,
The brook nearby hums along,
Nature's symphony, pure and strong,
In the forest, where we belong.

The sun peeks through the canopy high,
A golden beam in the endless sky,
Birds soar, wings spread to fly,
In this world, we wonder why.

The mossy ground, a soft green bed,
Where creatures small, rest their head,
The forest's stories, quietly said,
In this place, where dreams are led.

So much to see, so much to hear,
In this forest, there is no fear,
A world of wonder, crystal clear,
A place to hold, forever dear.



Multiple Choice Questions

1. What language technique is used in "Whispering secrets, far away"?
 - A) Metaphor
 - B) Simile
 - C) Alliteration
 - D) Personification

2. The phrase "Nature's symphony" is an example of:
 - A) Hyperbole
 - B) Onomatopoeia
 - C) Metaphor
 - D) Alliteration

3. Which word best describes the mood of the poem?
 - A) Fearful
 - B) Joyful
 - C) Peaceful
 - D) Angry

4. What is the rhyme scheme of the poem?
 - A) ABAB
 - B) AABB
 - C) ABCB
 - D) ABBA



5. The phrase "a golden beam in the endless sky" is an example of:
- A) Personification
 - B) Simile
 - C) Imagery
 - D) Alliteration
6. What does the forest symbolize in the poem?
- A) Chaos
 - B) Peace
 - C) Confusion
 - D) Anger
7. What language technique is used in "Birds soar, wings spread to fly"?
- A) Simile
 - B) Metaphor
 - C) Alliteration
 - D) Personification
8. The line "Leaves rustle softly, a secret song" creates what type of imagery?
- A) Visual
 - B) Auditory
 - C) Tactile
 - D) Olfactory



9. Which of the following is NOT present in the poem?

- A) Personification
- B) Simile
- C) Imagery
- D) Alliteration

10. The overall tone of the poem can be described as:

- A) Melancholic
- B) Tranquil
- C) Anxious
- D) Jubilant



Short Answer Questions

1. Identify and explain the use of personification in the poem.

2. How does the poet use imagery to create a sense of tranquility?

3. What is the effect of the rhyme scheme on the poem's flow?

4. Why might the poet have chosen the forest as the setting?



5. Explain the metaphor "Nature's symphony"?

6. How does the poet convey the idea of peace in the poem?

7. What mood is created by the description of the "mossy ground"?

8. How does the poet use alliteration in the poem? Provide examples.



9. Discuss the significance of the "golden beam" in the poem?

10. Why is the forest described as a place "forever dear"?



Answer Key

Multiple Choice Questions:

1. D) Personification
2. C) Metaphor
3. C) Peaceful
4. B) AABB
5. C) Imagery
6. B) Peace
7. C) Alliteration
8. B) Auditory
9. B) Simile
10. B) Tranquil

Short Answer Questions:

1. Personification is used in "Whispering secrets, far away," where the forest is given the human ability to whisper, adding a sense of mystery.
2. Imagery, such as "Leaves rustle softly" and "mossy ground, a soft green bed," creates a peaceful and tranquil atmosphere.
3. The AABB rhyme scheme creates a smooth, rhythmic flow that enhances the calming effect of the poem.
4. The forest might have been chosen to symbolize a peaceful, natural place, a retreat from the chaos of the world.
5. "Nature's symphony" is a metaphor that compares the sounds of the forest to a beautifully orchestrated piece of music, highlighting the harmony of nature.
6. The poet conveys peace through serene descriptions of the environment, such as "a soft green bed" and "Whispering secrets."
7. The mood created by the description of the "mossy ground" is one of comfort and restfulness.
8. Alliteration is used in phrases like "Whispering secrets" and "Birds soar," adding to the musical quality of the poem.
9. The "golden beam" symbolizes hope and warmth, adding to the tranquil and uplifting mood of the poem.
10. The forest is described as "forever dear" to emphasize its importance as a sanctuary and a place of lasting peace.



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