



## Year 9 Poetry 4: Whispers of the Sea

Read the following poem and answer the questions below:

### Whispers of the Sea

On the shore where waves retreat,  
Leaving prints in sands of gold,  
The sea whispers ancient tales,  
Of secrets never told.

The tides rise with moon's soft pull,  
A dance of night and day,  
Drawing lines in shifting sand,  
That time cannot erase away.

Seagulls cry their lonely songs,  
Echoes in the morning mist,  
While the sun spills molten light,  
A fleeting, golden kiss.

Yet beneath the ocean's blue,  
Where light can scarcely see,  
Lies the heart of all that's known,  
In the whispers of the sea.



## Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is the main setting of the poem?
  - A) A mountain range
  - B) A city park
  - C) A seashore
  - D) A forest
  
2. What do the “whispers of the sea” symbolize in the poem?
  - A) The silence of nature
  - B) The mysteries of the ocean
  - C) The noise of the beach
  - D) The voice of seagulls
  
3. How is the sea described in the poem?
  - A) As calm and peaceful
  - B) As dangerous and wild
  - C) As a keeper of secrets
  - D) As a place of chaos
  
4. What literary device is used in “Leaving prints in sands of gold”?
  - A) Personification
  - B) Simile
  - C) Hyperbole
  - D) Alliteration



5. What does the “dance of night and day” refer to?
- A) The passage of time
  - B) The changing seasons
  - C) The rhythm of the tides
  - D) The movements of seagulls
6. How does the poet convey a sense of mystery in the poem?
- A) Through vivid descriptions of the shore
  - B) Through the use of figurative language
  - C) Through the depiction of the sun’s light
  - D) Through direct statements
7. What does the phrase “a fleeting, golden kiss” refer to?
- A) The warmth of the sun
  - B) The presence of the moon
  - C) The crash of the waves
  - D) The flight of the seagulls
8. What mood is evoked by the line “Where light can scarcely see”?
- A) Joyful
  - B) Tense
  - C) Serene
  - D) Mysterious



9. What does the poet mean by “the heart of all that’s known”?

- A) The ocean contains all wisdom
- B) The ocean is a source of life
- C) The ocean is a reflection of nature
- D) The ocean is unpredictable

10. Which technique is used in “Spills molten light”?

- A) Simile
- B) Alliteration
- C) Metaphor
- D) Onomatopoeia



## Short Answer Questions

1. What is the significance of the “whispers” in the poem?

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2. How does the poet use imagery to describe the seashore?

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3. What role do the tides play in the poem’s theme?

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4. Explain the metaphorical meaning of “Leaving prints in sands of gold.”

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5. How does the poet convey the idea of time in the poem?

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6. Discuss the symbolism of the seagulls in the poem.

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7. What does the poet mean by "Where light can scarcely see"?

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8. How does the poem reflect the relationship between nature and time?

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9. Describe the mood created by the line "The sun spills molten light."

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10. How does the ending of the poem contribute to its overall theme?

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## Answer Key

### Multiple Choice Answers:

1. C) A mountain range
2. B) The mysteries of the ocean
3. C) As a keeper of secrets
4. A) Personification
5. C) The rhythm of the tides
6. B) Through the use of figurative language
7. A) The warmth of the sun
8. D) Mysterious
9. B) The ocean is a source of life
10. C) Metaphor

### Short Answer Key:

1. The “whispers” symbolize the hidden and ancient secrets of the ocean, which are subtly conveyed through the natural elements.
2. The poet uses imagery like “sands of gold” and “molten light” to create a vivid picture of the seashore, emphasizing its beauty and mystery.
3. The tides symbolize the passage of time and the ongoing cycle of nature, rising and falling with the pull of the moon.
4. The metaphor “Leaving prints in sands of gold” suggests the temporary nature of human or natural impact, which time eventually erases.
5. Time is conveyed through the rhythm of the tides, the movement of the sun, and the ephemeral nature of footprints on the sand.
6. The seagulls symbolize solitude and the enduring presence of nature in the shifting seascape.
7. “Where light can scarcely see” refers to the depths of the ocean, where light barely penetrates, suggesting hidden mysteries.
8. The poem reflects nature's continuous cycle and the idea that time is an ever-present force that shapes the natural world.
9. The line “The sun spills molten light” creates a serene yet fleeting mood, emphasizing the beauty and temporality of the moment.
10. The ending suggests that the sea, with all its mysteries and hidden depths, holds the key to understanding the natural world and its timeless secrets.





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