



Year 7 Poetry 15: The Evening Tide

Read the following poem and answer the questions below:

The Evening Tide

As evening falls upon the shore,
The tide retreats and roars no more,
The sky is painted shades of gold,
A tranquil scene, serene and bold.

The waves have whispered their last tale,
And moonlight casts a silvery veil,
The sand is cool beneath my feet,
A soothing, rhythmic, ocean beat.

The stars emerge in twilight's hue,
And gently light the evening blue,
The sea is calm, the night is deep,
A quiet lull where dreams can sleep.

The horizon melts into the night,
Where land and sea blend out of sight,
And in this peaceful, twilight hour,
The world is still, and time is ours.

So let the evening tide unwind,
And leave the day and thoughts behind,
For in this quiet, ocean's grace,
We find a calm and tranquil place.



Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is the setting of the poem?

- A) A mountain peak
- B) A city street
- C) The shore at evening
- D) A forest clearing

2. How does the poet describe the sky at evening?

- A) Dark and stormy
- B) Painted shades of gold
- C) Covered in clouds
- D) Bright and sunny

3. What literary device is used in "The waves have whispered their last tale"?

- A) Personification
- B) Hyperbole
- C) Metaphor
- D) Simile

4. How does the poet create a sense of calm in the poem?

- A) By describing the noisy waves
- B) By highlighting the tranquility of the evening tide and moonlight
- C) By mentioning the chaos of the sea
- D) By focusing on the darkness



5. What mood is conveyed through the poem?

- A) Tense and uneasy
- B) Joyful and energetic
- C) Calm and serene
- D) Anxious and worried

6. What effect does the moonlight have in the poem?

- A) It creates a harsh glare
- B) It casts a silvery veil
- C) It intensifies the waves
- D) It causes a shadowy effect

7. What role do the stars play in the poem?

- A) They add to the chaos of the scene
- B) They gently light the evening blue
- C) They hide the moonlight
- D) They make the night seem darker

8. How does the poet use imagery to describe the evening tide?

- A) By focusing on the bright daylight
- B) By mentioning the cool sand and rhythmic ocean beat
- C) By describing the busy activities on the shore
- D) By highlighting the stormy weather



9. What does the phrase "The horizon melts into the night" suggest about the transition from day to night?

- A) It is sudden and harsh
- B) It is a gradual and smooth transition
- C) It is chaotic and confusing
- D) It is clear and distinct

10. What message does the poem convey about the evening tide?

- A) It is a time of hustle and rush
- B) It is a moment for reflection and peace
- C) It is a period of activity and noise
- D) It is a time for conflict and struggle



Short Answer Questions

1. How does the poet use imagery to describe the evening tide and its effects?

2. What is the significance of the moonlight in the poem?

3. Identify an example of personification in the poem and explain its effect.

4. How does the poem create a sense of tranquility and calmness?



5. Describe the mood of the poem and how it is achieved.

6. How does the imagery of the stars contribute to the overall scene in the poem?

7. What is suggested by the phrase "leave the day and thoughts behind"?

8. How does the poet depict the transition from day to night?



9. Explain the impact of the evening tide on the speaker's perception of the world.

10. How does the poem reflect the theme of finding peace in nature?



Answer Key

Multiple Choice Questions:

1. C) The shore at evening
2. B) Painted shades of gold
3. A) Personification
4. B) By highlighting the tranquility of the evening tide and moonlight
5. C) Calm and serene
6. B) It casts a silvery veil
7. B) They gently light the evening blue
8. B) By mentioning the cool sand and rhythmic ocean beat
9. B) It is a gradual and smooth transition
10. B) It is a moment for reflection and peace

Short Answer Questions:

1. The poet uses imagery such as "painted shades of gold," "moonlight casts a silvery veil," and "cool beneath my feet" to vividly describe the evening tide and its effects.
2. The moonlight adds to the serene and tranquil atmosphere by casting a "silvery veil" over the scene, enhancing the peaceful mood.
3. An example of personification is "The waves have whispered their last tale," which gives the waves human-like qualities and emphasizes the quieting of the sea.
4. The poem creates a sense of tranquility and calmness through descriptions of the serene evening tide, moonlight, and the quiet transition to night.
5. The mood of the poem is calm and serene, achieved through peaceful imagery and descriptions of the quiet evening tide.
6. The imagery of the stars lighting the evening blue adds to the serene and tranquil atmosphere of the scene.
7. The phrase "leave the day and thoughts behind" suggests a sense of release and relaxation as the day transitions to night.
8. The poet depicts the transition from day to night as a gradual and smooth process, using the imagery of the horizon melting into the night.
9. The evening tide impacts the speaker's perception of the world by providing a peaceful and reflective setting, away from the hustle of the day.
10. The poem reflects the theme of finding peace in nature by highlighting the calm and serene aspects of the evening tide and its tranquil beauty.



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