



## Year 9 Poetry 7: The Silent Shore

Read the following poem and answer the questions below:

### The Silent Shore

Waves that crash with whispered might,  
Against the stones of time-worn shores,  
Carve out tales in the still of night,  
Of ancient songs and distant wars.

The moon above, a watchful eye,  
Reflects on waters deep and wide,  
A mirror to the star-filled sky,  
Where secrets of the past reside.

Footprints lost upon the sand,  
Washed away by tides of grace,  
Leaving naught but empty land,  
A vacant stage, a ghostly place.

The wind it sings a hollow tune,  
Through broken shells and driftwood old,  
Echoes of a forgotten June,  
When love was young, and hearts were bold.

Yet in the stillness of the shore,  
Where time has paused its endless race,  
The ocean's voice forever more,  
Whispers of what can't be replaced.



## Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is the main setting of the poem?

- A) A bustling city
- B) A dense forest
- C) A silent shore
- D) A mountain peak

2. What does the shore symbolize in the poem?

- A) A place of chaos
- B) A memory of the past
- C) A beginning of a journey
- D) A place of discovery

3. How is the moon described in the poem?

- A) As distant and cold
- B) As a warm, guiding light
- C) As a watchful eye
- D) As a fiery beacon

4. What literary device is used in "Waves that crash with whispered might"?

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



5. What do the “footprints” in the poem represent?

- A) The presence of travelers
- B) The passage of time
- C) The erosion of the shore
- D) The arrival of new life

6. How does the poet create a sense of nostalgia in the poem?

- A) Through descriptions of a vibrant shore
- B) Through the imagery of lost footprints and echoes of the past
- C) Through the use of bright, cheerful imagery
- D) Through the dialogue of the waves

7. What does the “hollow tune” sung by the wind symbolize?

- A) Joy and celebration
- B) The sound of laughter
- C) The emptiness of the past
- D) The melody of the ocean

8. What mood is evoked by the line “The wind it sings a hollow tune”?

- A) Joyful
- B) Melancholic
- C) Hopeful
- D) Fearful



9. What does the poet mean by “the ocean’s voice forever more”?

- A) The ocean is silent
- B) The ocean’s waves have ceased
- C) The ocean continues to echo the past
- D) The ocean is roaring with new life

10. Which technique is used in “Where time has paused its endless race”?

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



## Short Answer Questions

1. What is the significance of the shore in the poem?

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2. How does the poet use imagery to convey the theme of loss?

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3. What role does the moon play in the poem's narrative?

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4. Explain the oxymoron "whispered might" in the context of the poem.

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5. How does the poet create a contrast between past and present in the poem?

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6. Discuss the symbolism of the “footprints” on the shore.

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7. What does the poet mean by “echoes of a forgotten June”?

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8. How does the poem explore the theme of time’s impact on memory?

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9. Describe the mood created by the phrase “a ghostly place.”

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

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## Answer Key

### Multiple Choice Answers:

1. C) A silent shore
2. B) ) A memory of the past
3. C) As a watchful eye
4. B) Oxymoron
5. B) The passage of time
6. B) Through the use of bright, cheerful imagery
7. C) The sound of laughter
8. B) Melancholic
9. C)The ocean continues to echo the past
10. C) Metaphor

### Short Answer Key:

1. The shore symbolizes a place where the past lingers, with memories and moments that have been lost over time but are still faintly present.
2. The poet uses imagery like “footprints lost upon the sand” and “a ghostly place” to convey the theme of loss, emphasizing the disappearance of past moments.
3. The moon serves as a silent observer, reflecting the deep connection between the ocean and the sky, and symbolizing the constancy of nature amidst change.
4. The oxymoron “whispered might” highlights the power of the waves, which are strong yet quiet, suggesting the quiet force of nature.
5. The poet contrasts the past, with its vibrant moments, with the present, where only faint echoes remain, showing how time changes everything.
6. The “footprints” symbolize the fleeting presence of those who once walked the shore, representing memories that have since been washed away.
7. “Echoes of a forgotten June” refers to a past summer that was once full of life and love but is now only a distant memory.
8. The poem explores time’s impact on memory by showing how the shore, once lively, has become a place where only echoes of the past remain.
9. The phrase “a ghostly place” creates a mood of emptiness and haunting, suggesting that the shore is now a place of forgotten memories.
10. The ending reinforces the theme of irreplaceability by showing that the ocean, despite its power, can never fully replace what has been lost to time.





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