

# The Ocean's Song

*Read the passage below and answer  
the questions on the next page.*



The ocean is a deep blue mystery,  
A whispering shell's sweet history.

It roars like a lion in the storm,  
But in the sunshine, it's lukewarm.

Its waves dance like children at play,  
Glistening in the light of day.

Under the moon, it's a silver sea,  
Reflecting the night's tranquility.

With secrets in its dark, uncharted deep,  
It's a treasure that the Earth does keep.

The ocean's song, both wild and free,  
Is a melody of mystery.

1) What figurative language is used to describe the ocean in the second line? What does it mean?

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2. How is the ocean compared to a lion? What does this simile suggest about the ocean?

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3) What does the author mean by "Its waves dance like children at play"?

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4) How does the imagery of the ocean change from day to night in the poem?

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5) Why do you think the author calls the ocean's song "a melody of mystery"?

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