

STUDENT WORKSHEET

ANALYSING THE POEM

1. Pick out words or phrases in the poem which you think Raine used to show
 - a) her pain (stanza 1, 2)
 - b) her inability to speak (stanza 3)
 - c) the ease with which the sky speaks (stanza 4)
 - d) her feeling of belonging when she understands the sky's message (stanza 4)
 - e) her new understanding of the physical world (6-8)

Comment on the effects of these.

2. Comment on

- the rhyme scheme and the structure of this poem.
- use of direct speech
- use of contrast
- tone
- sensory imagery
- lexical field
- turning points in the poem

3. EXPLORING THEMES

- unreturned love for another human being and its effects
- Spiritual relationship with Nature and its effects