

Session 4: Reading and Responding Part 1

Read the poems and then answer questions 29 through 34.

The Sea's Treasures

by Daphne Lister

- 1 In swept the sea
With a swirl and a swish,
It shimmered and whispered,
“Choose what you wish.”
- 5 And the sea showed its treasures
At the edge of the shore,
Shining bright the pebbles
And shells by the score.
- Long ribbons of seaweed
- 10 That shone gold and red,
“I’ll share them, I’ll share,”
The sea softly said.

Once the Wind

by Shake Keane

- 1 Once the wind
said to the sea
I am sad
And the sea said
- 5 Why
And the wind said
Because I
am not blue like the sky
or like you
- 10 So the sea said what’s
so sad about that
Lots
of things are blue
or red or other colours too
- 15 but nothing
neither sea nor sky
can blow so strong
or sing so long as you
- And the sea looked sad
- 20 So the wind said
Why

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29. Which lines from “The Sea’s Treasures” describe the actual treasure?
- A. lines 2 and 3
 - B. lines 5 and 6
 - ☒ C. lines 7 and 8
 - D. lines 11 and 12
30. How do the last three lines of “Once the Wind” fit in with the rest of the poem?
- A. They reveal the answer to a problem.
 - ☒ B. They repeat the thoughts of the wind.
 - C. They show a change in the sea’s feelings.
 - D. They suggest the sea and the wind have a plan.
31. Which statement **best** reflects the theme of “Once the Wind”?
- A. Things in nature can work together.
 - ☒ B. We all have qualities that make us special.
 - C. It is useless to be jealous of what others have.
 - D. All things in nature have beauty in common.
32. In lines 5 and 21 of “Once the Wind,” what effect is achieved by placing the word “Why” on a line by itself?
- ☒ A. It emphasizes the concern the sea and wind have for each other.
 - B. It shows the reader that the question has not been answered.
 - C. It suggests that the sea did not understand the wind’s answer.
 - D. It indicates that the sea and the wind are behaving like children.

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33. How is the style of “The Sea’s Treasures” different from the style of “Once the Wind”?

- ☒ A. “The Sea’s Treasures” uses stanzas, but “Once the Wind” uses free verse.
- ☐ B. “The Sea’s Treasures” tells a story, but “Once the Wind” uses description.
- ☐ C. “The Sea’s Treasures” uses similes, but “Once the Wind” uses rhyme.
- ☐ D. “The Sea’s Treasures” uses ocean images, but “Once the Wind” uses wind images.

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How is the sea represented in **both** poems?

- ☐ A. The sea is described as wild and stormy.
- ☒ B. The sea is described as peaceful and beautiful.
- ☐ C. The sea is used as a metaphor for loneliness.
- ☐ D. The sea is presented as a generous character.

Part 2

Which two phrases from the poems **best** support the way the sea is represented?

- ☐ A. “Choose what you wish” and “nothing . . . can . . . sing so long as you”
- ☒ B. “Shining bright the pebbles” and “Lots / of things are blue”
- ☐ C. “Long ribbons of seaweed” and “neither sea nor sky”
- ☐ D. “At the edge of the shore” and “can blow so strong”