

POEM-3 | Coming

QUIZ-01

1. What season is being anticipated in the poem 'Coming'?

- A. Winter
B. Autumn
C. Spring
D. Summer (C)

Explanation: The speaker mentions "It will be spring soon," indicating the arrival of spring.

2. What is the effect of the bird's song on the speaker?

- A. It reminds him of his school days
B. It surprises and delights him
C. It makes him feel tired
D. It causes fear (B)

Explanation: The bird's 'fresh-peeled voice' is described as 'astonishing the brickwork', showing its surprising and refreshing impact.

3. How is the speaker's childhood described in the poem?

- A. A time of great joy
B. A time of excitement
C. A forgotten boredom
D. A well-remembered dream (C)

Explanation: The poet calls his childhood "a forgotten boredom," suggesting it holds little meaning or memory for him now.

4. What image is conveyed through the line "Light, chill and yellow"?

- A. A hot summer afternoon
B. A dim winter evening
C. A cold spring evening with soft light
D. A dark and stormy night (C)

Explanation: The line describes the early spring light, which is chilly but bright and yellow.

5. What is the metaphorical meaning of the 'fresh-peeled voice'?

- A. A loud, cracking sound
B. A rough and aged sound
C. A new, clear, and vibrant sound
D. A distant and muffled cry (C)

Explanation: "Fresh-peeled" suggests something new and raw, evoking the idea of a voice that is clear and fresh.

6. What is the thrush surrounded by in the garden?

- A. Roses
B. Trees
C. Laurels
D. Vines (C)

Explanation: The poem describes the thrush as "laurel-surrounded," indicating its presence among laurel plants.

7. What is the tone of the poem as it anticipates spring?

- A. Melancholic and gloomy
B. Joyful and hopeful
C. Angry and frustrated
D. Bored and indifferent (B)

Explanation: The poem reflects a sense of wonder and renewal as spring approaches.

8. In the poem, how does the speaker react to the scene of adult reconciliation?

- A. With sadness
B. With fear
C. With confusion turning into happiness
D. With anger (C)

Explanation: The child understands nothing except the unusual laughter and starts to feel happy.

9. What poetic device is used in "Astonishing the brickwork"?

- A. Alliteration
B. Personification
C. Hyperbole
D. Irony (B)

Explanation: The bird's song is described as affecting the brickwork, which is an inanimate object—this is personification.

10. Which poetic collection includes 'Coming'?

- A. The Whitsun Weddings
B. The North Ship
C. High Windows
D. The Less Deceived (D)

Explanation: The poem "Coming" is taken from Philip Larkin's volume *The Less Deceived*.