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Figurative Language Poem 4

The Dawn's Awake

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The Dawn's awake!

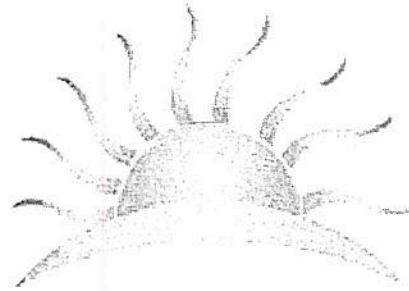
A flash of smoldering flame and fire
Ignites the East. Then, higher, higher,
O'er all the sky so gray, forlorn¹,
The torch of gold is borne.

The Dawn's awake!

The dawn of a thousand dreams and thrills.
And music singing in the hills
A paean² of eternal spring
Voices the new awakening.

The Dawn's awake!

Whispers of pent-up harmonies,
With the mingled fragrance of the trees;
Faint snatches of half-forgotten song--
Fathers! torn and numb,--
The boon of light we craved, awaited long,
Has come, has come!



- 1. Pitifully sad and abandoned or lonely:
- 2. A song of praise or triumph.

Review Questions

Directions: Respond to these questions to the best of your ability. Answer the questions completely. If you need more space, use the back or a separate sheet.

1. Identify two examples of **personification**: explain what is being personified & how in each example.
2. Identify an example of **hyperbole**: explain how it is exaggerated.
3. Identify an example of **metaphor**: explain which two things are being compared.
4. Find three examples of **imagery** in the poem that access three different senses. Explain which senses are called on by the speaker for each example.
5. Contrast the **tone** of this line "Fathers! torn and numb,--" with the **tone** of the rest of the poem. How is this line different and why do you think that it is?
6. This poem was written by an African American poet during the Harlem Renaissance. Knowing this, how might one interpret the "Dawn" beyond its literal meaning? What might the "Dawn" represent?

3. Like Dogs and Cats...

There are two types of people in this world: cat people and dog people. Which type are you? Well, if you like a pet that is low maintenance, you might be a cat person. Cats are easier to take care of than dogs because cats are very independent. Since they use litter boxes, they do not have to be taken outside to go potty like dogs. Also, cats clean themselves while dogs need occasional baths. If you prefer a pet that requires more attention, you may be a dog person. Most dogs are very loyal and obedient. You can play games like fetch or tug of war with a dog. Dogs will also alert you when someone is outside of your home, whereas cats will usually just stay quiet. Both cats and dogs like to be petted, and they both make excellent pets, but it takes a certain kind of person to own them. Which kind of person are you?

4. Dangerous Predators

Cats may seem like cute and cuddly companions, but to birds and other small mammals, cats are highly lethal killing machines. Even well fed cats may hunt and kill many small animals such as birds, mice, and reptiles. Small animals are most at risk when cats are introduced to areas that have not hosted them before. Since they are not used to living with the threatening cats, these small animals are naive and vulnerable. If they do not have the defenses to survive, cats will hunt these animals until they are wiped out completely. Cats have played a leading role in the extinction of many small animals, including the Hawaiian Rail and at least 22 other species of bird. While other things may have led to the destruction of these species, cat attacks were a main factor.

5. Herding Cats

Cats are known for their independence. They may be difficult to train, but that doesn't mean that you can't teach an old cat new tricks. It's time to learn how to teach your cat to fetch. First, find a toy or object that your cat likes. It is much easier to keep your cat's attention if you use something in which he or she is already interested. Next, throw the toy a short distance. If your cat chases the toy, you are off to a good start. Wait until the cat returns the toy and reward the cat with a treat when he or she does. Continue doing this for as long as your cat shows interest in the toy: toss it, wait for the cat to return it, and then reward the cat. As your cat gets better at this trick, slowly increase how far you throw the toy. It may take some time, but with a little dedication and a lot of patience you can teach your cat a cool trick that he or she will do whenever he or she feels like it.

6. Declawing

Cats can be great pets but they're not perfect. Some cats destroy household items with their claws. Or they may use their claws to scratch people's faces if they feel threatened. Small children are the ones most often attacked by cats. These attacks can leave lasting scars. Don't worry though: you don't have to get rid of your cat just because she can't keep her claws to herself. You can get your cat an onychectomy. An *onychectomy* is when a cat's claws are surgically removed. This is commonly called *declawing* the cat. If you get your cat declawed, he or she will still continue to swipe its paws at people and things, but the attacks will be harmless. Some people worry that declawed cats are vulnerable against attacks by raccoons and other animals that the cats might encounter outdoors. People with these concerns should only have their cat's front claws removed, which leaves the cat with a defense if he or she is seriously attacked but also protects people and household items.

7. **earnest**: Are you going to take this scholarship in **earnest**, or are you just accepting it to party and drop-out a semester or two later?

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

8. **melancholy**: I feel so gloomy and **melancholy** on Wednesday mornings, and I don't even know why.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

9. **impudence**: Be careful. If you question the commander in the slightest way, he will perceive that to be a sign of **impudence** and order you to clean the toilets with a toothbrush.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

10. **condescend**: The employee had asked a good question, but he made a minor mistake in his word choice so the manager **condescended** him by saying, "Well, actually, *farther* refers to physical distance. *Further* refers to abstract distance."

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

11. **assertion**: John did not find supporters for his **assertion** that medical care should be free in the room full of well-paid doctors.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

12. **cursory**: Though I did not have time to read it all, after a **cursory** review of the report, I was surprised to see that people spent so much money on cat shampoo.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

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Context Clues 2.5

Directions: read each sentence and determine the meaning of the word using cross sentence clues or your prior knowledge. Then, explain what clues in the sentence helped you determine the word meaning.

1. **signify:** She considered that Byron's latest efforts in the classroom might **signify** his desire to make a positive change.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

2. **laborious:** Dexter wanted to take honors math, but the course load was too **laborious** alongside his football practices.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

3. **furtively:** After Mom found the devoured cake, the dog crouched **furtively** behind the couch..

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

4. **melodious:** The choir delighted the audience with their **melodious** tune.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

5. **smitten:** When I saw that she was making a special Valentine's Day card just for Kevin, I knew that she was **smitten** with him.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?

6. **grotesque:** The giant garbage monster moved his **grotesque** head from side to side as he yelled at the children for stepping on his lawn.

Definition: _____

What clues in the sentence lead you to your definition?