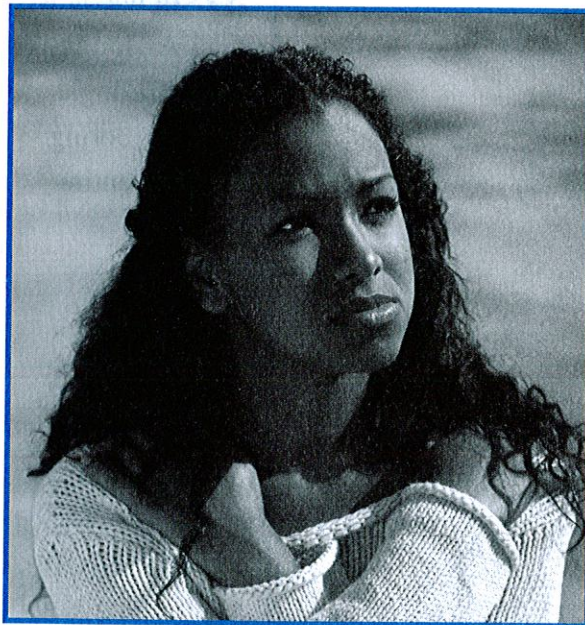


Count That Day Lost

by *George Eliot (Mary Ann Evans)*

If you sit down at set of sun
And count the acts that you have done,
And, counting, find
One self-denying deed, one word
5 That eased the heart of him who heard,
One glance most kind
That fell like sunshine where it went—
Then you may count that day well spent.

But if, through all the livelong day,
10 You've cheered no heart, by yea or nay—
If, through it all
You've nothing done that you can trace
That brought the sunshine to one face—
No act most small
15 That helped some soul and nothing cost—
Then count that day as worse than lost.



26. Which meaning of *count* is used in this poem?

- A to recite numbers in order
- B to list in order a number of items
- C to have importance or be of merit
- D to consider or judge

27. Which phrase *best* describes the main theme of this poem?

- A Each day, do something good for yourself.
- B Count each day important, for the days pass quickly by.
- C Bring some happiness into someone else's life each day.
- D Count each ray of sunshine as an act of kindness.

28. What does the author mean by *sunshine* in this poem?

- A bright light or daylight
- B goodness or good feeling
- C a look of happiness
- D the salvation of the soul

29. In line 4, what is meant by a "self-denying deed"?

- A a selfish action
- B an action that denies other people's joy
- C an action that is selfless or generous
- D an action that denies knowledge of your self

30. Which *best* describes the tone of this poem?

- A serious
- B amusing
- C peaceful
- D threatening

31. Which set of words contributes *most* to the tone of the poem?

- A set of sun, yea, no, nothing
- B sit, set, self, small
- C word, went, well, worse
- D eased, cheered, kind, sunshine

32. In line 9, what does *livelong* mean?

- A long lived
- B single
- C boring
- D entire