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I THINK I'LL BE - C.O. Burleson

I think I'll be a cloud this day anew
Through which the sun its warming rays shall pass
And cast its light upon each blade of grass
That glistens with refreshing morning dew;

Or should I be a bird with out-stretched wings
That glides along and then at once soars high
Creating graceful figures in the sky,
Or perch upon a limb and gently sing;

The songs of spring awaken in my heart
A joy so full and yearning to release
Itself into the world. The song of peace
And universal love I must impart

Yet as I sing the sweet serenity
Whispers, "It is a pleasure being me."

1. Identify the rhyme scheme of this poem using the letters of the alphabet.
2. Put the third stanza into your own words.
3. What do you think the author's purpose is for this poem (persuade, inform entertain)?
4. Underline one example of alliteration in the third stanza and one example on the fourth stanza.
5. Circle one example of onomatopoeia in the first stanza.

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Good-night

by Robert Louis Stevenson

Then the bright lamp is carried in,
The sunless hours again begin;
O'er all without, in field and lane,
The haunted night returns again.

Now we behold the embers flee
About the firelit hearth; and see
Our faces painted as we pass,
Like pictures, on the window glass.

Must we to bed indeed? Well then,
Let us arise and go like men,
And face with an undiminished tread
The long black passage up to bed.

Farewell, O brother, sister, sire!
O pleasant party round the fire!
The songs you sing, the tales you tell,
Till far to-morrow, fare you well!

DIRECTIONS: Answer the following four questions.

1. What is the poet describing in this poem?

2. Read the line from the poem.

Then the bright lamp is carried in,

In this line, the word **bright** means _____.

A. full of promise

B. intelligent

C. cheerful

D. filled with light

3. Read the line from the poem.

The sunless hours again begin;

In this line, the phrase **sunless hours** refers to _____.

A. the time between dusk and dawn

B. the span between dawn and dusk

C. a cloudy day

D. a darkened field

4. What indicates that the poem was written in a time period from the past?

A. The characters in the poem live in a two-story house and have a fire in the hearth.

B. The speaker uses language such as "sire," "O pleasant party round the fire," and "fare you well."

C. The child in the poem is required by his parents to go to bed when he is unwilling to do so.

D. The poem contains references to a field and to images seen in window glass.