

## Questions relating to Sea-Fever - answers

1. Circle the three examples taken from the poem that show an apostrophe used for omission:

wheel's kick

whale's way

white sail's shaking

sea's face

wind's like a whetted knife

gull's way

long trick's over

wind's song

(2 marks for all 3, 1 mark for only one or two correct, take 1 mark off for incorrect phrase circled)

2. Circle the person who you think is the voice of the poem:

a young sailor

an old fisherman

a youth

an ex-sailor

a traveller

3. What does spume mean?

*froth or foam of waves*

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4. What is the feature called that the poet uses in 'lonely sea'?

*personification*

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5. Identify a simile used in the poem.

*wind's like a whetted knife*

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6. How does the poet use repetition for effect?

*Start of each verse is the same - emphasising the desire to go back to sea, 'And all I ask' is used to describe what he misses about the sea.*

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**7. Find four adjectives that the poet uses as imagery.**

*flung, blown, lonely, windy, merry, laughing, quiet, sweet, vagrant, etc*

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**8. What does the poet mean by 'when the long trick's over'?**

*when the sailor (narrator) dies - his life ends*

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**9. Why do you think the poet describes the sea as lonely?**

*because it is large and seemingly endless, you don't see land or other people/ships, people can feel lonely there, etc*

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**10. Do you enjoy reading the poem? Why/why not?**

*ensure that the reason(s) given are appropriate and not simply of the kind 'I didn't like it'*

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