

POEM: POISONED TALK

Poisoned Talk – RAYMOND WILSON

Who killed cock robin?
I, said the worm,
I did him great harm.
He died on the branch of a withered tree
From the acid soil that poisoned me.



Who killed the heron?
I, mouthed the fish,
With my tainted flesh
I killed tern, duck and drake,
All the birds of the lake.



Who killed the lake?
I, boasted Industry,
I poisoned with mercury
Fish, plant and weed
To pamper men's greed.



Who killed the flowers?
I, moaned the wind,
I prowled unconfined,
Blowing acid rain
Over field, flood and fen.



Who killed the forest?
I ensured that it died,
Said sulphur dioxide.
And all life within it,
From earthworm to limet.



COMPLETE THE POEM WITH THE CORRECT SENTENCES.

POISONED TALK

Who killed cock robin?

I, said the worm,

(1) _____.

He died on the branch of a withered tree

(2) _____.

Who killed the heron?

(3) _____.

(4) _____.

I killed tern, duck and drake,

All the birds of the lake.

Who killed the lake?

I, boasted Industry,

(5) _____.

Fish, plant and weed

(6) _____.

(7) _____?

I, moaned the wind,

I prowl unconfined,

(8) _____.

Over field, flood and fen.

Who killed the forest?

I ensured that it died,

(9) _____.

And all life within it,

(10) _____.