Daffodils by William Wordsworth

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I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'ver vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd'
A host of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, under the trees
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.



Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never ending line
Along the margin of a bay
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not be be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed- and gazed – but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:



For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

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Answer the following questions.

1. Why did the poet compare himself to a cloud?

2. Where did the poet see this delightful scene?

3. What did the poet compare the flowers to? Clue: Personification

4. How did the poet feel thinking back of the time he saw the flowers?

5. According to the poet which “actor” at the bay was his star?

6. When the poet was alone, what did he think of?

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