

POETRY CORNER

Name:

Read the poem carefully and then answer the questions that follow.

SILVER

Slowly, silently, now the moon
Walks the night in her silver shoon;
This way, and that, she peers, and sees
Silver fruit upon silver trees;
One by one the casements catch
Her beams beneath the silvery thatch;
Couched in his kennel like a log,
With paws of silver sleeps the dog;
From their shadowy coat the white breasts peep
of doves in a silver-feathered sleep; 10
A harvest mouse goes scampering by,
With silver claws and a silver eye;
And moveless fish in the water gleam,
by silver reeds in a silver stream.

Walter de la Mare

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Click the correct response – a, b or c. (#1 to 4)

1. What figure of speech is used in lines 7 and 8?

'Couched in his kennel like a log with paws of silver sleeps the dog;'

- a. simile
- b. personification
- c. metaphor

2. With what did the poet compare the dog?

- a. paws
- b. silver
- c. log

3. The poet used the word *'silver'* many times in his poem. What do you think is the purpose of doing this?

- a. to bore the readers.
- b. to stress a point.
- c. He was short of words.

4. Which other word or phrase would mean the same as the word *scamper*?

- a. run hastily
- b. steal
- c. crept slowly

5. Which is *true* about the poem?

The events took place in the

- a. night
- b. morning
- c. afternoon

6. *'White breasts'* in the poem is describing

- a. the dogs
- b. the fish
- c. the doves

7. Dog and log are _____ used in the poem.

8. Who is the author of the poem?

9. What causes everything to *appear silvery*?

- 10.

Write one line from the poem that shows *personification*.
