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Assignment I: Poetry

Instruction: Read this poem by Edgar Allan Poe, published in 1827, and match **the highlighted** words to their meanings below.



In spring of youth it was my lot
To **haunt** of the wide earth a spot
The which I could not love the less—
So lovely was the loneliness
Of a wild lake, with black rock **bound**,
And the tall pines that towered around.

But when the Night had thrown her **pall**
Upon that spot, as upon all,
And the **mystic** wind went by
Murmuring in melody—
Then—ah then I would awake
To the terror of the lone lake.

Yet that terror was not **fright**,
But a tremulous delight—
A feeling not the jewelled mine
Could teach or **bribe** me to define—
Nor Love—although the Love were **thine**.

Death was in that poisonous wave,
And in its gulf a fitting grave
For him who thence could **solace** bring
To his lone imagining—
Whose solitary soul could make
An **Eden** of that **dim** lake.

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	yours (possessive pronoun)
	surrounded, limited
	the garden of paradise, in the Bible
	to visit very often
	a dark cloth that covers a coffin at a funeral
	to give someone money or a present in exchange for a favour
	supernatural, spiritual, mysterious
	a sudden feeling of shock or fear
	dark and gloomy, not bright
	comfort or help when you are feeling sad or worried

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