

## Count That Day Lost

by George Eliot

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| If you sit down at set of sun            | But if, through all the livelong day,     |
| And count the acts that you have done,   | You've cheered no heart, by yea or nay -- |
| And, counting, find                      | If, through it all                        |
| One self-denying deed, one word          | You've nothing done that you can trace    |
| That eased the heart of him who heard,   | That brought the sunshine to one face--   |
| One glance most kind                     | No act most small                         |
| That fell like sunshine where it went -- | That helped some soul and nothing cost -- |
| Then you may count that day well spent.  | Then count that day as worse than lost.   |

### Basic Understanding

Draw lines to match the words from the poem with their Hebrew translation.

|                   |                       |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| at set of sun     | מבט                   |
| cheered           | נפש, בן אדם           |
| count             | בשעת השקיעה           |
| eased             | למנות, לספור, להחשיב  |
| glance            | לעקוב אחרי            |
| self-denying deed | לעודד, לשמח           |
| soul              | להקל על               |
| trace             | מעשה שדורש הקרבה מצדך |

In your own words, what are the three things that can make your day worthwhile, according to George Eliot?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

In your own words, what are two things that can make your day worthless, according to George Eliot?

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

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What words from the poem are used in place of these more common words?

#### Stanza 1

1. Sunset: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Discover: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Selfless action: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Made the recipient feel better: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Consider your day worthwhile: \_\_\_\_\_

#### Stanza 2

1. Throughout your entire day: \_\_\_\_\_
2. You did nothing to make someone else's day better: \_\_\_\_\_
3. You can't think of anything you did: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Made someone smile: \_\_\_\_\_
5. Person: \_\_\_\_\_
6. Consider that day worthless: \_\_\_\_\_

How many stanzas are in this poem? \_\_\_\_\_

How many lines are in this poem? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the rhyme scheme of this poem? \_\_\_\_\_