SILENT SURRENDER

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Like a predator, it creeps up slowly
Stalking its helpless prey
Lurking in the darkness
Waiting to whisk tired ones away.

Unaware of its presence
The innocent begin to yawn
Stretching and rubbing eyes
Thinking it will soon be gone.

They nod and dive unwillingly
Fighting to keep their conscious state
Trying to complete their evening chores
Before it is too late.

But just when they think they're safe
It grips them by surprise
So they willingly surrender their bodies
And gladly, close their eyes.

Date: _____

1. "*Like a predator, it creeps up slowly*." To what does the word it refers? [1]

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2. What it meant by the line, "*Fighting to keep their conscious state*?" [2]

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3. What is the meaning of the word "**lurking**" as it is used in verse one? Bubble in the letter next to the correct answer. [1]

(a) Running
(b) Whispering
(c) Hiding
(d) Howling

4. What activity was the people trying to finish. [1]

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5. List THREE actions that show the people were tired. [3]

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6. How was the people's attitude at the beginning of the poem different from their attitude at the end of the poem? [2]

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7a. What time of the day is it in the poem? [1]

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7b. Quote **ONE** word from verse one and ONE word from verse three that support your answer. [2]

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8. Complete the following analogy with a word from verse one: Cat is to mouse as predator is to _____ [1]