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# Reading Activity

READ THE POEM AND UNDERSTAND THOROUGHLY TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS

## Sonnet 73
## William Shakespear

That time of year thou mayst in me behold
When yellow leaves, or none, or few, do hang
Upon those boughs which shake against the cold,
Bare ruined choirs, where late the sweet birds sang.
In me thou see'st the twilight of such day
As after sunset fadeth in the west,
Which by and by black night doth take away,
Death's second self, that seals up all in rest.
In me thou see'st the glowing of such fire,
That on the ashes of his youth doth lie,
As the death-bed's light shows but a little higher
Before his race they run, and flickering die.
Yet loved I am of many, though such as you
Some time ago loved me, and have grown cold in love.

## QUESTIONS

1. The speaker in Sonnet 73 compares himself to:
a) A blossoming flower
b) A fruitful tree
c) Bare ruined choirs (deserted bird nests)
d) A vibrant sunrise

2. The poem suggests that the speaker's time of life is similar to:
a) The beginning of a journey
b) The peak of success
c) The twilight after sunset
d) A refreshing spring shower

3. Line 6, "Death's second self," most likely refers to:
a) A peaceful sleep
b) A comforting memory
c) The darkness of night
d) A sudden illness

4. The "glowing fire" mentioned in the poem symbolizes:
a) Renewed passion
b) Uncontrollable anger
c) Fading embers of youth
d) A burning ambition

5. The final line suggests that the speaker:
a) Is still hopeful for new love
b) Fears being completely forgotten
c) Has lost the love of some
d) Is content with his current relationships

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