

Chapter 7: Precious Friend

Choose the most accurate interpretation of each highlighted line.

1. "A friend to whom we run / In times of stress or strife."
 - a) Friends are only useful during emergencies and conflicts.
 - b) Running to friends is a sign of personal weakness.
 - c) Stress and strife are the only times friendships are tested.
 - d) True friends provide emotional shelter during both minor struggles and major crises.
2. "A friend we know will care / And take away our fears."
 - a) Trust in a friend's empathy can alleviate emotional burdens.
 - b) Friends have the power to magically erase all life's problems.
 - c) Fear is irrational and shouldn't be shared with others.
 - d) Only professional therapists can truly remove fears.
3. "To wipe away our tears, / And lift us when we fall."
 - a) Friends should physically clean your face after you cry.
 - b) Falling down is inevitable, so friends must always be rescuers.
 - c) Metaphorical language for providing comfort and encouragement.
 - d) Tears are a sign of failure and should be hidden.
4. "On whom we can depend / To fulfill our every need."
 - a) Friends must cater to all demands, including material desires.
 - b) Needing friends is a sign of unhealthy attachment.
 - c) The poet exaggerates the role of friends.

- d) Dependability in friendship means meeting emotional needs, not all wants.

Multiple Choice Questions

1. What is the main reason the poet believes everyone needs someone to talk to?

- a) To feel popular and well-known in society
- b) To practice conversations and improve public speaking
- c) To share moments of stress or strife and receive comfort in life
- d) To pass time when bored and alone

2. How does the poet describe a true friend's presence over time?

- a) Someone who changes often and may drift away
- b) A friend who's always there throughout the years, through joy and pain
- c) A person who visits only during celebrations
- d) Someone who listens but doesn't always understand

3. What quality makes the friend reliable in difficult situations?

- a) Their ability to solve all problems instantly
- b) Their experience in giving formal advice
- c) Their caring nature that helps take away our fears silently
- d) Their strength and power in arguments

4. According to the poem, when is a true friend ready to help?

- a) Only during happy moments and wins
- b) During times when we don't ask for it
- c) When others have already helped first
- d) A friend who's always near, waiting for our call with open heart

5. What does the friend do when the poet is emotionally low?
- a) Wipes away the poet's tears, and lifts them gently when they fall
 - b) Makes jokes to distract and cheer
 - c) Leaves the poet to find strength alone
 - d) Encourages them to ignore their feelings
6. How does the poet define a "loving friend indeed"?
- a) One who agrees with everything we say
 - b) Someone who fulfills our every need and never leaves us in times of trouble
 - c) A person who gives expensive gifts regularly
 - d) One who praises us no matter what we do
7. What is the emotional tone of the poem?
- a) Sarcastic and playful, showing casual friendship
 - b) Cold and distant, warning about fake friends
 - c) Warm and grateful, celebrating dependable love and support that never fades
 - d) Confused and uncertain about relationships
8. What deeper message does the poem convey about friendship?
- a) That friends are only for fun and leisure
 - b) That friendship requires equal give and take
 - c) That friendship is just a phase of life
 - d) That a true friend is someone who stands beside us in every emotion—joy or sorrow
9. In what way does the poet express gratitude at the end?
- a) By writing a detailed letter to the friend

- b) By saying “Thank you, precious friend” showing heartfelt appreciation in simple words
- c) Through a symbolic gesture like a gift
- d) By throwing a party in the friend's honor

10. What makes this poem relatable to readers of all ages?

- a) Its use of simple words and clear rhymes
- b) Its story about one specific friendship event
- c) Its universal theme of needing someone who listens, supports, and never judges
- d) Its focus on childhood memories only