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.

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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

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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

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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

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