

## Worksheet

### THE FOUNTAIN

By James Russell Lowell, one of the most noted of American poets; also well known as an essayist and lecturer. He was born at Cambridge, Mass., in 1819, and died there in 1891.

1.  
Into the sunshine,  
Full of the light,  
Leaping and flashing,  
From morn till night!

2.  
Into the moonlight,  
Whiter than snow,  
Waving so flower-like  
When the winds blow!

3.  
Into the starlight,  
Rushing in spray,  
Happy at midnight,  
Happy by day!

4.  
Ever in motion,  
Blithesome and cheery,  
Still climbing heavenward,  
Never weary;

5.  
Glad of all weathers,  
Still seeming best,  
Upward or downward,  
Motion, thy rest;

6.  
Full of a nature  
Nothing can tame,  
Changed every moment,  
Ever the same;

7.  
Ceaseless aspiring,  
Ceaseless content,  
Darkness or sunshine  
Thy element;

8.  
Glorious fountain!  
Let my heart be  
Fresh, changeful, constant,  
Upward like thee!

*Questions: Circle one of the words in the list that tells the meaning of the word in bold.*

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|----------------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. <b>Blithesome</b> | gay            | tired             | changing        | ambitious        |
| 2. <b>Cheery</b>     | changing       | suitable state    | tired           | in good spirits. |
| 3. <b>Aweary</b>     | gay            | ambitious         | tired           | fixed            |
| 4. <b>Aspiring</b>   | tired          | proper habitation | fixed           | ambitious        |
| 5. <b>Element</b>    | suitable state | fixed             | in good spirits | changing         |
| 6. <b>Constant</b>   | ambitious      | fixed             | changing        | gay              |