

## Waiting- Answers

1. The theme revolves around the concept of patience and the anticipation of something desired.
2. The purpose of the poem is to remind us of the importance of patience in a fast-paced world.
3. The person in the poem is waiting for something or one.
4. The tone of this poem is a mixture of anticipation, hopefulness and introspection.
5. He has decided to not question the workings of fate, or battle against time or fate, but instead surrender to the natural course of life.
6. The reader is encouraged to reflect on their own time spent waiting and the lessons it teach.
7. The speaker is making a conscious decision to slow down and take time.
8. A. According to stanza 3, the poet believes friendship is predestined and it cannot be altered by external forces.  
B. According to stanza 4, the poet is confident that standing alone is not as important as looking ahead.  
C. According to stanza 6, the poet believes the bond of love is unbreakable
9. The poet is referring to the investment of emotion and effort he has put into his life and endeavours. He believes that the fruits of his labour, represented by tears, will be collected and stored in his heart. This image represents a sense of hope and resilience as tears are a part of life but believes they will ultimately lead to something worthwhile.
10. Metaphor is used illustrate the natural order and harmony of the world.
11. The two facts are: the stars come out every night; and the tidal waves return to the sea.