

Directions: Read the poem below and answer the questions 1-6.

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| <p>Wilbur Wright and Orville Wright <i>Rosemary and Stephen Vincent Benet</i></p> | | |
| <p>Said Orville Wright to Wilbur Wright "These birds are very trying. I'm sick of hearing them cheep-cheep About the fun of flying. A bird has feathers, it is true. That much I freely grant. But, must that stop us, W?" Said Wilbur Wright, "It shan't."</p> |  | <p>They glided here, they glided there, They sometimes skinned their noses. ---For learning how to rule the air Was not a bed of roses--- But each would murmur, afterward, While patching up his bro, "Are we discouraged, W?" "Of course we are not, O!"</p> |
| <p>And so they built a glider, first, And then they built another. --- There never were two brothers more Devoted to each other. They ran a dusty little shop For bicycle-repairing, And bought each other soda-pop And praised each other's daring.</p> | <p>And finally, at Kitty Hawk In Nineteen-Three (let's cheer it!) The first real airplane really flew With Orville there to steer it! ---And kingdoms may forget their kings And dogs forget their bites, But, not till Man forgets his wings, Will men forget the Wrights.</p> | |

1. **(Analyze Text)**

For learning how to rule the air --- Was not a bed of roses... What do these words imply?

- that it had no real importance
- that it was as easy as planting flowers
- that it took too long to accomplish
- that it was a very difficult task.

2. **(Conclusions/Inferences)**

Based on the text, how do the poets feel about the Wright brothers?

- The poets think the brothers are to be admired.
- The poets think of the brothers as friends.
- The poets think the brothers drank too much soda pop.
- The poets think the brothers were careless.

3. **(Details/Facts)**

According to the poem, what business did the Wrights work at together?

- bottling soda pop
- canning vegetables
- repairing bicycles
- selling bicycles

4. **(Cause and Effect)**

What happened when the brothers heard the birds "cheep cheep about the fun of flying?"

- Orville became very ill.
- They started trying to make a glider.
- They praised each other's daring.
- Wilbur bought Orville a soda pop.