

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

**Life Doesn't Frighten Me**  
*Maya Angelou*

Shadows on the wall  
Noises down the hall  
Life doesn't frighten me at all  
Bad dogs barking loud  
Big ghosts in a cloud  
Life doesn't frighten me at all.



Mean old Mother Goose  
Lions on the loose  
They don't frighten me at all  
Dragons breathing flame  
On my counterpane  
That doesn't frighten me at all

I go boo  
Make them shoo  
I make fun  
Way they run  
I won't cry  
So they fly  
I just smile  
They go wild  
Life doesn't frighten me at all.



Tough guys in a fight  
All alone at night  
Life doesn't frighten me at all.

Panthers in the park  
Strangers in the dark  
No, they don't frighten me at all.

That new classroom where  
Boys all pull my hair  
(Kissy little girls  
With their hair in curls)  
They don't frighten me at all.

Don't show me frogs and snakes  
And listen for my scream.  
If I'm afraid at all  
It's only in my dreams.



I've got a magic charm  
That I keep up my sleeve,  
I can walk the ocean floor  
And never have to breathe.

Life doesn't frighten me at all  
Not at all  
Not at all.  
Life doesn't frighten me at all.

1. **(Analyze Text)**

Based on the text, how is the speaker in this poem MOST LIKELY feeling?

- a. angry and aggressive
- b. calm and collected
- c. defensive and in denial
- d. childish and joking.

2. **(Character Development)**

What can we infer about the speaker from reading this poem?

- a. She fears many kinds of animals.
- b. She likes nursery rhymes.
- c. She wants to go to the beach.
- d. She works hard to overcome her fears.

3. **(Details/Facts)**

The speaker is only afraid of which of the following?

- a. strangers in the dark
- b. lightning and thunderstorms
- c. mean old Mother Goose
- d. bad dreams in her sleep