

## Understanding the poem



Answer these further questions about the poem *The Listeners*.

Find the meanings of the old-fashioned words in the poem. Then write down why you think the poet chose these words.

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Read the poem again, looking at the lines and listening for the rhymes. How would you describe the rhyming pattern?

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Count the syllables in the first eight lines – can you find a rhythmic pattern? What is it?

**Remember:** A syllable is a word or part of a word that is one beat long.

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### Writing practice

Choose a section from the poem and write it here.

**Remember:** Join your letters carefully and space your words evenly.

Begin new lines in the same places as in the printed poem.



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