

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