

Dragonfly Out in the Sun by David Windle

I am a dragonfly
and I live on the breeze,
between the reeds and rushes
and the sun's soft fingers.

I am a dragonfly
and my wings are like water,
or as sharp as two swords
cutting the air into pieces.

I am a dragonfly
and my eyes are like glass,
as round as the moon
they see all that pass.

I am a dragonfly
and my body's a spear;
as sharp as an eagle
I hunt for my prey.

I am a dragonfly
and I float like a dancer
over the pond's still surface,
which reflects, like a mirror,
my miraculous presence.

Do you know how I feel?



Thursday - Dragonfly out in the Sun

(vocabulary, meaning of words and word choice)

1. Whose point of view is this poem written from? **From the Dragonflies point of view.**
2. What do you think the poet feels about dragonflies? Why do you think this? **He thinks they are beautiful creatures, we know this because of all the descriptive words.**
3. In the first verse, the poet uses personification to describe the sun. Can you explain what the poet does and how this makes you feel about the sun? **'And the sun's soft fingers.'** **The poet refers to the sun beams as soft fingers, this give you a mental impression of the sunrays reaching or stretching down to the earth.**
4. In the poem some of the language uses images of glinting and shining. Can you find examples of where the poet does this?
 - **eyes are like glass,**
 - **which reflects, like a mirror**
5. Why do you think the poet repeats the first line at the beginning of each verse?
 - **To give emphasis to the words**
6. Can you find any similes in this poem? Which is your favourite? Why?
 - **my wings are like water**
 - **my eyes are like glass**
 - **I float like a dancer**