

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?
2. What do you think the poet feels about dragonflies? Why do you think this?
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?
4. In the poem some of the language uses images of glinting and shining. Can you find examples of where the poet does this?
5. Why do you think the poet repeats the first line at the beginning of each verse?
6. Can you find any similes in this poem? Which is your favourite? Why?

Challenge

Why do you think the poet ends the poem with the question: 'Do you know how I feel?'