

Day 3- New Text -Retrieval Wednesday 20.5.2020

A Summer Wish

*Live all thy sweet life through
Sweet Rose, dew-sprent,
Drop down thine evening dew
To gather it anew
When day is bright:
I fancy thou wast meant
Chiefly to give delight.*

*Sing in the silent sky,
Glad soaring bird;
Sing out thy notes on high
To sunbeam straying by
Or passing cloud;
Heedless if thou art heard
Sing thy full song aloud.*

*O that it were with me
As with the flower;
Blooming on its own tree
For butterfly and bee
Its summer morns:
That I might bloom mine hour
A rose in spite of thorns.*

*O that my work were done
As birds' that soar
Rejoicing in the sun:
That when my time is run
And daylight too,
I so might rest once more
Cool with refreshing dew.*

Here is another poem by Christina Rossetti -

(It is in old English)!

Read and answer the questions

1. Look at the first line – how did the poet say life is to be lived?
2. Find a synonym for....**delight**
3. *Who sings in the silent sky?*
4. *How is the bird told to sing?*
Which words tells you?
5. *Look at the 3rd verse, how is summer described?*
6. *How does the poet show how her work would be done?*

Challenge:

Write a final verse describing what summer would be like for you.

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Now check your answers

1. Look at the first line – how did the poet say life is to be lived? *Through sweet rose, dew sprent*
2. Find a synonym for....*delight* – *charm, thrill*
3. *Who sings in the silent sky?* *A glad soaring bird*
4. *How is the bird told to sing?* *To sing in the silent sky.*
Which words tells you? *The bird is told to sing aloud, on high*
5. *Look at the 3rd verse, how is summer described?* *Summer is described as a flower blooming on its own tree.*
6. *How does the poet show how her work would be done?* *Like birds that soar, rejoicing in the sun/ where she too could rest in the cool, refreshing dew.*