

**Wednesday**

**Read the poem and answer the questions**

**River Runs Free**

River runs free river runs free  
along the rocky ridge and down  
towards the sea  
river runs free river runs free  
like the wind and birds  
and you and me.

As the slow sky turns  
and the deep sun burns  
and the dark earth  
rests beneath  
river runs free river runs free  
like a glittering seam of stars.

As the leaves draw light  
from the woven air  
and the grass drinks hard  
from the frozen soil  
river runs free towards the sea  
like a rope of silver silk.

As the quiet fish dive  
and the birds alight  
and the jungle  
sings with life  
river runs free with you and me  
and the horizon calling endlessly.

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- 1 What similes does the poet use to describe the river in verses 1, 2 and 3?
- 2 Where is the river going?
- 3 What time of day is it in verse two? How do you know?
- 4 What life might the jungle be singing with in verse 4?
- 5 Can you find examples of where the poet has used alliteration in the poem?
- 6 Why does the poet say the grass has to “drink hard,” in verse 3?
- 7 What season might it be in verse 3? How do you know?
- 8 Can a river really “run?” What do we call this?

Here is a clue p \_ \_ s o n \_ f i c a \_ \_ \_ n