

Robert Frost - Once By The Pacific

The shattered water made a misty din. _____

Great waves looked over others coming in, _____

And thought of doing something to the shore _____

That water never did to land before. _____

The clouds were low and hairy in the skies, _____

Like locks blown forward in the gleam of eyes. _____

You could not tell, and yet it looked as if _____

The shore was lucky in being backed by cliff, _____

The cliff in being backed by continent; _____

It looked as if a night of dark intent _____

Was coming, and not only a night, an age. _____

Someone had better be prepared for rage. _____

There would be more than ocean-water broken _____

Before God's last Put out the Light was spoken. _____

Give the rhyme scheme.

Circle any words you think help create the mood of the poem.

Give an example of personification. _____

Give an example of simile. _____

What time of day is it? _____

____. The weather seems a) beautiful b) cold c) hot d) stormy

____. The clouds seem to be a) beautiful b) fluffy c) scary d) there are no clouds.
e) high in the sky

____. Which of the following events seems most likely to be about to happen a)
an earthquake b) a hurricane c) a snow flurry d) perfect weather.

Pacific means peaceful. Why is this ironic? _____

Why does the poet say the shore is “lucky” in being backed by a cliff, the cliff
lucky in being backed by a continent?

“It looked as if a night of dark intent
Was coming, and not only a night, an age.”

____. These lines suggest that the night will a) be an average night; b) last a long
time c) moonlit d) last a short time e) none of the above

The word “rage” suggests someone or something is angry. What or who might
that someone be?

What is the more that would be broken in the line
“There would be more than ocean-water broken.” _____

What does the last line suggest that the poet thinks might be happening?

“Put out the Light” is a famous line from the Shakespeare play “Othello.” Othello speaks these lines just before he kills his wife whom he feels (inaccurately) has betrayed her. He believes that only by killing her can her Innocence” be restored. How might this relate to the poem?