

Read. Number lines and stanzas. Write notes by each stanza.

A Happy Man

Edwin Arlington Robinson

When these graven lines you see,
Traveler, do not pity me;
Though I be among the dead,
Let no mournful word be said.

Children that I leave behind,
And their children, all were kind;
Near to them and to my wife,
I was happy all my life.

My three sons I married right,
And their sons I rocked at night;
Death nor sorrow never brought
Cause for one unhappy thought.

Now, and with no need of tears,
Here they leave me, full of years,--
Leave me to my quiet rest
In the region of the blest.



“A Happy Man” Questions

Use all the strategies you have learned to analyze the poem and answer the following comprehension questions.

1. Who is the speaker in the poem? Be specific. How do you know? Include some supporting evidence.

2. Why does the speaker say “do not pity me”?

3. What does “mournful” mean in line 4?

4. What is the main idea or theme of this poem?

5. Who are all the members in the speaker’s family? List all of them.

6. What is the mood of this poem? How do you know? Include some supporting evidence.

7. Where do lines 15 and 16 tell you the person is now?

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Bed in Summer

Robert Louis Stevenson

In winter I get up at night
And dress by yellow candle-light.
In summer quite the other way,
I have to go to bed by day.

I have to go to bed and see
The birds still hopping on the tree,
Or hear the grown-up people's feet
Still going past me in the street.

And does it not seem hard to you,
When all the sky is clear and blue,
And I should like so much to play,
To have to go to bed by day?



Determining the Speaker of a Poem

Poem:

**Speaker: Who's speaking
in the poem?**

Evidence

Evidence

Speaker's Point of View