Do Not Go Gentle into That Good Night

by Dylan Thomas

Do not go gentle into that good night,
Old age should burn and rave at close of day;
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

Though wise men at their end know dark is right,
Because their words had forked no lightning they
Do not go gentle into that good night.

Good men, the last wave by, crying how bright
Their frail deeds might have danced in a green bay,
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

Wild men who caught and sang the sun in flight,
And learn, too late, they grieved it on its way,
Do not go gentle into that good night.

Grave men, near death, who see with blinding sight
Blind eyes could blaze like meteors and be gay,
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

And you, my father, there on the sad height,
Curse, bless me now with your fierce tears, I pray.
Do not go gentle into that good night.
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.
Multiple Choice

1. Whose eyes could "blaze like meteors" even though they are near death?  
   ▶ A. grave men  
   ▶ B. wild men  
   ▶ C. good men  
   ▶ D. wise men

2. What type of men does the speaker say know that "dark is right"?  
   ▶ A. grave men  
   ▶ B. wild men  
   ▶ C. wise men  
   ▶ D. good men

3. What should old age do according to the speaker?  
   ▶ A. blaze and burn  
   ▶ B. burn and rave  
   ▶ C. bless and cry  
   ▶ D. curse and blaze

4. Which of the following is not used to refer to death in the poem?  
   ▶ A. good night  
   ▶ B. dying of the light  
   ▶ C. close of day  
   ▶ D. forked lightning

5. Whom is the speaker of the poem addressing?  
   ▶ A. his friend  
   ▶ B. his father  
   ▶ C. his mother  
   ▶ D. his brother

6. What does the speaker want to hear?  
   ▶ A. a prayer  
   ▶ B. a scream  
   ▶ C. a sigh  
   ▶ D. a curse

7. What kind of men have "caught and sang the sun in flight"?  
   ▶ A. wise men  
   ▶ B. grave men  
   ▶ C. wild men  
   ▶ D. good men

8. What kind of men cries because their deeds are frail?  
   ▶ A. wild men  
   ▶ B. wise men  
   ▶ C. grave men  
   ▶ D. good men

Short Answer Questions

9. Explain why "good" men are reluctant to die.
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10. Explain why "wild" men grieve.
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11. Explain what "wise" men realize before they die.


12. Explain what "grave" men realize before they die.


13. Describe the speaker's attitude towards death in the poem. Cite details from the poem in your description.


Poetic Techniques Short Answer Questions

14. Find an example of exact rhyme in the poem.


15. Find an example of a word that is a pun, and explain how it is used.


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