

The stars lean down to kiss you,  
 And I lie awake and miss you.  
 Pour me a heavy dose of atmosphere,  
 Because I'll doze off safe and soundly  
 But I'll miss your arms around me  
 I'd send a postcard to your dear  
 Because I wish you were here  
 I'll watch the night turn light blue  
 But it's not the same without you,  
 Because it takes two to whisper quietly  
 The silence isn't so bad, till I look at my hands and feel sad  
 Because the spaces between my fingers are right where yours fit perfectly  
 I'll find repose in new ways, though I haven't slept in two days,  
 Because cold nostalgia chills me to the bone  
 But drenched in vanilla twilight, I'll sit on the front porch all night  
 Waist-deep in thought because when I think of you  
 I don't feel so alone  
 As many times as I blink, I'll think of you tonight, I'll think of you tonight.  
 When violet eyes get brighter  
 And heavy wings grow lighter  
 I'll taste the sky and feel alive again  
 And I'll forget the world that I knew  
 But I swear I won't forget you  
 Oh if my voice could reach back through the past  
 I'll whisper in your ear  
 Oh darling I wish you were here

-Adam Young

## Glossary

**lean down** bend down from a vertical position **pour** cause (a liquid) to flow out from a container  
 રેડો **doze off** fall asleep **whisper** speak softly; in a low voice **repose** freedom from activity (work,  
 strain or responsibility) **nostalgia** longing for something past **drenched** very wet, esp. with  
 rainwater, soaked **twilight** the diffused light from the sky when the sun is below the horizon but its  
 rays are refracted by the atmosphere of the earth, the time of day immediately following sunset  
**porch** ઓસરી **blink** briefly shut the eyes **swear** promise solemnly; take an oath

## Comprehension

**C.1 Which lines did you like the most? Underline these 4-5 lines. What is special about these lines: expression or meaning? Write E or M at the end of these lines.**

**C.2 Make a list of creative/imaginary expressions.**

sample: Stars lean down. doze of atmosphere.

**C.3 Find out the antonyms of these words from the poem.**

Dry : \_\_\_\_\_ Shout : \_\_\_\_\_ Wake up : \_\_\_\_\_

Day : \_\_\_\_\_ Light : \_\_\_\_\_ Different : \_\_\_\_\_

Happy : \_\_\_\_\_ Wrong: \_\_\_\_\_ Darker : \_\_\_\_\_

**C.4 Tick mark True(T) or False(F).**

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| 1. The poet dozes off while missing his beloved.                                | <table border="1"><tr><td>T</td><td>F</td></tr></table> | T | F |
| T   | F   |   |   |
| 2. As the poet wishes his beloved to be present there, he will write a letter.  | <table border="1"><tr><td>T</td><td>F</td></tr></table> | T | F |
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| 3. As per the poet, a lonely man cannot whisper.                                | <table border="1"><tr><td>T</td><td>F</td></tr></table> | T | F |
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| 4. The night changes into light blue as usual.                                  | <table border="1"><tr><td>T</td><td>F</td></tr></table> | T | F |
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| 5. The poet feels that the absence of his beloved changes the shade of morning. | <table border="1"><tr><td>T</td><td>F</td></tr></table> | T | F |
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| 6. The silence is good.   | <table border="1"><tr><td>T</td><td>F</td></tr></table> | T | F |
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| 7. The poet is going to think about his beloved innumerable times tonight.      | <table border="1"><tr><td>T</td><td>F</td></tr></table> | T | F |
| T   | F   |   |   |
| 8. The poet has kept awake for two consecutive nights.                          | <table border="1"><tr><td>T</td><td>F</td></tr></table> | T | F |
| T   | F   |   |   |

**C.5 Answer these questions in brief.**

- At what time is the poet singing this song?
- What does the poet request to pour on him?
- What does the poet wish?
- Why is the night not the same for the poet as before?
- What will the poet do all night?
- Why doesn't the poet feel lonely though he is alone?
- When will the poet feel alive again?
- What will the poet do if he could reach back to the past?

**C.6 Convert the content (feelings, events, places, columns etc.) of this poem into the form of prose. Write it as a letter to your friend. You can begin like this:**

Dear \_\_\_\_\_,

Today I read the poem 'Vanila Twilight' by \_\_\_\_\_.

The poem says that \_\_\_\_\_

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## NOTE

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