

Fire and Ice

TEXTUAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Thinking about the poem :

1. There are many ideas about how the world will end '. Do you think the world will end some day? Have you ever thought what would happen if the sun got so hot that it 'burst', or grew colder and colder?

Ans: I don't think that the world will end someday. If the sun get hot that it 'burst's the world will certainly be destroyed. If the sun becomes colder and colder than life will be impossible and it will come to an end.

2. For Forest, what do 'fire' and 'ice' stand for? Here are some ideas:

Greed	avarice	cruelty	lust
conflict	fury	intolerance	rigidity
insensitivity	coldness	indifference	hatred

Ans: 'Fire' and 'ice' stand for the following ideas:

Fire → greed, avarice, cruelty, lust, conflict, fury, intolerance, hatred.

Ice → rigidity, insensitivity, coldness, indifference.

3. What is the rhyme scheme of the poem? How does it help in bringing out the contrasting ideas in the poem?

Ans: The rhyme scheme of the poem is : a, b, aa;