## Summer's Song

Twilight song moves me to waltz under starlit sky and moon, drifting and dancing in mystical moonlit interludes, awaiting summer's kiss upon my skin. And now you may find me, back along the beach somewhere, where swimmers bathe waist deep among the foaming white caps, and fisherman cast their nets upon the surf. I'll watch, long into the night, as the tanker ships head out along the gulf horizon, and friends parade down the coastline, holding hands in the soft sea breeze.

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It often seems only 'neath cover of dark that the night conducts its bacchanalian lark when sky fire flashes to kettle drum rolls as a frenzied deluge fills up all gaping holes pounding the earth with its hard satyr hooves as they caper and prance on verandas and rooves;

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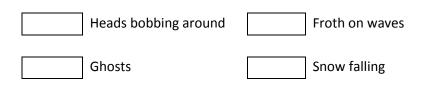
## Helpful vocabulary:

Bacchanalian - a party that has got out of control

Satyr - mythical animal, half human and half goat/horse

Read the poems about Summer time. Answer the following questions:

1. What does the author mean by "foaming white caps"?



2. The second poem is about the weather. Explain what the author is describing with these phrases:

Sky fire flashes \_\_\_\_\_\_

Kettle drum rolls\_\_\_\_\_\_

Frenzied deluge \_\_\_\_\_\_

3. What can you tell about the raindrops from the words '*caper*' and '*prance*'?

- 5. Both of these poems are about summer. Can you find any other similarities between the settings of the poems?
- 6. Although the poets are both describing a time in Summer, their opinions seem to be very different. Explain how the author's opinions differ. Use quotes from the poems to support your explanation:

7. Think about your own experiences with Summer. Create a bank of things related to Summer, then try coming up with figurative language to describe it:

e.g. the Sun	A rolling Catherine wheel

Create your own poem about Summer experiences that mean something to you:

4. Which of these would be the most appropriate title for the second poem?

Summer Sunshine	

Summer Delights

Thunder and Lightning

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Explain your choice:

## Answers:

- 1. Froth on waves
- Sky fire flashes lightning Kettle drum rolls – thunder Frenzied deluge – (heavy) rainfall
- Answers like: They are moving quickly They are bouncing off things They move erratically
- 4. Weather of chaos the author describes chaotic weather and uses vocabulary to show the chaotic mood

Allow: Thunder and Lightning – explanation about that being the content of the poem

Cannot be Summer sunshine (poem is set at night) or Summer delights (author is not describing weather in a positive way)

- 5. Both set at night
- Answers like: The first poet enjoys the Summer night. Supported by quotes like: "moves me to waltz" "dancing" "mystical" "summer's kiss" "parade" "soft sea breeze"

The second poet does not enjoy the weather in Summer. Supported by quotes like: "bacchanalian" "fire flashes" "drum rolls" "frenzied deluge" "pounding" "satyr hooves"