

### The River p.73 – Comprehension Questions

1. **Who** is the poet of this poem?

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2. **Where** did the river come from at first?

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3. **Why** did the river want to reach the sea?

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4. Did the river like the ocean when **it reached it**? Explain.

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5. Find a synonym from the poem:

Searched: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Write **one simile** from the poem.

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7. Write **one personification** from the poem.

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8. Write **one adjective** from the poem.

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9. Write **one rhyming pair** from the poem.

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10. **Why** does the river ask the valleys to “take me back”?

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11. **How** did the ocean change the river?

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12. **What** message do you think the poet wants to teach us?

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13. Was the river happy at the beginning? Support your answer.

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14. Do you **think** the river regrets leaving the valleys? Find evidence.

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15. Explain this line: "And the salt waves drank of me"

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## Answer Key

1. Sara Teasdale
2. From the sunny valleys.
3. The river thought the sea would bring peace.
4. No, it found it wild and black and wanted to go back.
5. 'sought'
6. fresh as the rainfall
7. the salt waves drank of me
8. sunny / wild / black / salty / bitter (any correct)
9. sea / me **or** black / back
10. Because it wasn't happy in the ocean and wanted to return.
11. It became bitter like the sea.
12. Sometimes what we think will make us happy does not.
13. Yes – because it came from sunny valleys and expected peace.
14. Yes – 'Be kind and take me back!'
15. The sea mixed with the river water and removed its freshness.