

Right Here Was The Ocean

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Vocabulary – meanings + synonyms

Word	Simple Meaning	Synonym
pounding	hitting hard again and again	beating
growling	making a low angry sound	snarling
roaring	loud deep angry sound	bellowing
boasting	showing off proudly	bragging
pace	movement / way of moving	speed
yearning	wanting strongly	longing
hunched	bent over	curved
stooping	leaning down	bending
parched	very dry	dehydrated
sticking	coming out / showing	poking out
murky	dark and unclear	cloudy
patches	small separate areas	spots
barren	empty / nothing grows	infertile
shore	land next to the sea	coast
shriveling	drying up	withering
modest	not showing off	humble
against	touching or facing strongly	upon
might and power	great strength	force
remain	stay / what is left	stay

Stanzas

The poem has 2 stanzas.

Stanza 1: The ocean is powerful, angry and strong. It is alive and moving loudly.

Stanza 2: The ocean is gone. Everything is dry and dying, only a little water remains.

Personification

- pounding its head against the rocks
- boasting of its might and power
- the ocean yearning to hold the moon
- their parched tongues sticking out

Sound Devices

- growling (onomatopoeia)
- **roaring (onomatopoeia)**

Adjectives from the poem

- angry
- petulant
- reticent
- modest
- parched
- murky
- barren
- shriveling

Adverbs from the poem

- still

Antonyms

Word	Antonym
angry	calm
barren	fertile
murky	clear
shriveling	fresh / alive
modest	boastful

Mini Quiz

1) How many stanzas does the poem have?

2) Write one adjective.

3) Write one sound device from the poem.

4) Who is the “friend” of the ocean?

5) What happened to the ocean at the end of the poem?

6) Why is the ocean described as angry?

7) What does the moon represent in the poem?

8) What message do you think the poet wants to tell us?

9) Find a line that shows the ocean was powerful.

Evidence: _____

10) Find a line that shows dryness after the ocean disappeared.

Evidence: _____

11) Find a line that shows personification.

Evidence: _____

12) The word “barren” means:

- a) full of trees
- b) empty and nothing grows
- c) covered with water

13) The ocean was described as:

- a) calm and quiet
- b) angry and powerful
- c) lost and shy

14) The rocks had “parched tongues” to show:

- a) they were wet
- b) they were dry
- c) they were eating

Answer Key

1. 2 stanzas

2. Possible examples:

angry / petulant / modest / reticent / parched / barren / murky / shriveling

3. Sound devices (onomatopoeia):

growling / roaring

4. The ocean's "friend" is: the moon

5. The ocean disappeared / dried up. Only small patches remain.

6. Because it was powerful, loud, and strong.

7. The moon represents a loyal friend that stayed even when the ocean disappeared.

8. Possible answers (any close meaning):

Nature changes / nothing lasts forever / we must appreciate what we have before it is gone.

9. Evidence:

"boasting of its might and power" or "pounding its head against the rocks"

10. Evidence:

their parched tongues sticking out" or murky water, in patches lining a barren shore"

11. Evidence (personification):

"pounding its head against the rocks"

"the ocean yearning to hold the moon"

"boasting of its might and power"

12. b) empty and nothing grows

13. b) angry and powerful

14. b) they were dry