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Mood And Tone Map

Directions: Read the poem carefully. Remember that **tone** is the poet's attitude toward the subject while **mood** is the feeling the reader gets while reading. Circle or highlight words that help create the tone and mood. Then, answer the questions to explain your thinking.

Poem - The Lighthouse Keeper

Alone he stands where sea winds sigh, His lantern casting light on sky. The waves crash hard, a mournful song, A night that feels both cold and long.

He scans the dark for ships that roam, While longing for his distant home. The ocean whispers secrets deep, And lulls his weary heart to sleep.



Questions - Tone & Mood Detectives

- 1. What words in the poem suggest the lighthouse keeper is lonely?
- 2. What is the **tone** of the poem? Choose a word (e.g., wistful, sorrowful, hopeful) and explain your choice with evidence.
- 3. What is the **mood** created for the reader? How does the imagery of the sea contribute to this mood?
- 4. Pick one line that best shows the poet's attitude toward the keeper's life. Explain why.
- 5. How might the poem's tone or mood change if the sea were described as calm and peaceful instead of cold and mournful?

