



Verse Vocabulary

Directions: Read the poem carefully. Pay attention to **unfamiliar or unusual words**. Use context clues (the words and ideas around them) to guess the meaning. Write your own definition for each bolded word. Then, after finishing, check your understanding with a dictionary or class discussion.

The Pilgrim's Path

Beneath the **ancient** arch of stone,
The pilgrim treads a road unknown.
Through valleys vast and forests deep,
Where **mystic** shadows seem to creep.

The river hums a solemn tune,
It mirrors stars beneath the moon.
Though weary feet begin to tire,
The heart is filled with steadfast fire.

An **omen** whispers on the breeze,
A quiet sign among the trees.
It speaks of journeys still to come,
Of battles fought and victories won.

Vocabulary Words to Define in Context:

1. **Ancient** (line 1)
2. **Mystic** (line 4)
3. **Solemn** (line 5)
4. **Steadfast** (line 8)
5. **Omen** (line 9)

1. Define each bolded word in your own words, based on how it is used in the poem.
2. Write one sentence explaining how that word adds to the poem's mood or meaning.
3. Share with a partner: Did you use the same clues to figure out the word's meaning?