

Willow Words

Directions: Read the poem carefully. Choose one line you find especially **powerful** or **meaningful**. Write the line down exactly as it appears in the poem. Explain in 3-5 sentences **why this line stands out** to you. Think about imagery, emotion, word choice, or the message it gives. Support your explanation with evidence from the poem or your personal interpretation.

Beneath the Willow Tree

The willow bows with gentle grace,
Its branches veil the river's face.
Each ripple tells a fleeting tale,
Of passing clouds and silver sail.

Beneath its shade, the children rest,
Their laughter stitched in nature's vest.
The breeze collects their echoes near,
A song of youth both bright and clear.

But time will lift them from this place,
The willow weeps, yet keeps their trace.



1. Write down the line from the poem you think is the most powerful.
2. Explain why you chose this line (3-5 sentences).
3. How does the line connect to the overall meaning or theme of the poem?
4. Bonus: Rewrite the chosen line in your own words while keeping its meaning.