

## Shoreline Reflections Answer Key

### Q1. Poem's Message:

- The poem suggests that life's moments are temporary, like footprints washed away, but the **journey and meaning behind them remain important**.
- It emphasizes resilience, renewal, and finding significance in moving forward.

### Q2. Reflection (sample response):

- *This poem reminds me of when I moved to a new school. Even though I left behind friends and memories, those experiences still shaped me. Like the footprints in the sand, they may not be visible now, but they are part of who I am. The poem makes me think about how every step I take builds my path, even if things change. It encourages me to value the journey, not just what is left behind.*

### Teacher Notes:

- Accept all reasonable reflections; this activity is **interpretive and personal**.
- Guide students to include both:
  1. A clear understanding of the poem's message.
  2. A personal connection that shows thought and detail.
- Extension idea: Have students create a short poem of their own using the theme of **change, memory, or renewal** and then reflect on it.