

Autumn Mood Answer Key

Q1. Possible highlighted words/phrases:

- "sighed"
- "fading gold"
- "whispered secrets"
- "chill swept softly"
- "hope remained"
- "promise glowing"

Q2. Tone of the poem:

- The overall tone is **reflective and hopeful**.

Q3. Explanation:

- Words like *sighed*, *fading*, *whispered* set a reflective and slightly melancholic mood.
- However, phrases like *hope remained* and *promise glowing* shift the tone toward optimism, showing balance between loss and renewal.

Q4. Tone Shift:

- The tone shifts in the final stanza, moving from **somber reflection** (lines 1-4) to **gentle hopefulness** (lines 5-8).

Teacher Notes:

- Guide students to see that **tone is revealed through word choice** rather than plot.
- Encourage them to test alternate tone words (e.g., "melancholy," "peaceful") and justify their reasoning.
- Extension idea: Ask students to rewrite one stanza with a completely different tone (e.g., turn it joyful or fearful) to practice how tone changes with word choice.