

English 3201
Poetry Review
Do Not Go Gentle Into That Good Night
By: Dylan Thomas

1. Do not go gentle into that good night,
Old age should burn and rave at close of day;
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.
Though wise men at their end know dark is right,
5. Because their words had forked no lightning they
Do not go gentle into that good night.
Good men, the last wave by, crying how bright
Their frail deeds might have danced in a green bay,
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.
10. Wild men who caught and sang the sun in flight,
And learn, too late, they grieved it on its way,
Do not go gentle into that good night.
Grave men, near death, who see with blinding sight
Blind eyes could blaze like meteors and be gay,
15. Rage, rage against the dying of the light.
And you, my father, there on that sad height,
Curse, bless, me now with your fierce tears, I pray.
Do not go gentle into that good night.
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

1. What is the poetic form used here?
- (A) Blank Verse
(B) Elegy
(C) Sonnet
(D) Villanelle
2. What is the poetic device used in lines 5-6?
- (A) Allusion
(B) Enjambment
(C) Onomatopoeia
(D) Simile

3. To whom is the poet speaking?

- (A) His father
- (B) His friend
- (C) Himself
- (D) God

4. What device is used in "Their frail deeds might have danced in a green bay" (line 8)?

- (A) Alliteration
- (B) Cacophony
- (C) Idiom
- (D) Personification

5. What is the tone of this poem?

- (A) Consoling
- (B) Desperate
- (C) Passive
- (D) Satiric

6. What poetic device is used in line 13?

- (A) Euphony
- (B) Hyperbole
- (C) Oxymoron
- (D) Parallelism

7. Why did Thomas choose to repeat the line, "Rage, rage against the dying of the light"?

- (A) To create parallelism
- (B) To emphasize the theme
- (C) To emphasize the tone
- (D) To make it more memorable

8. What do you believe to be Thomas' theme? Using 2 specific references, explain how the theme is revealed through the use of figurative language.

9. Identify the mood of this poem. With 2 specific references, explain how mood is achieved through diction.
