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A. Answer these questions.

1. Why is the whale crying?

→ The whale is crying for its life, crying for our kind.

2. Which line in the poem tell you what whales were used for?

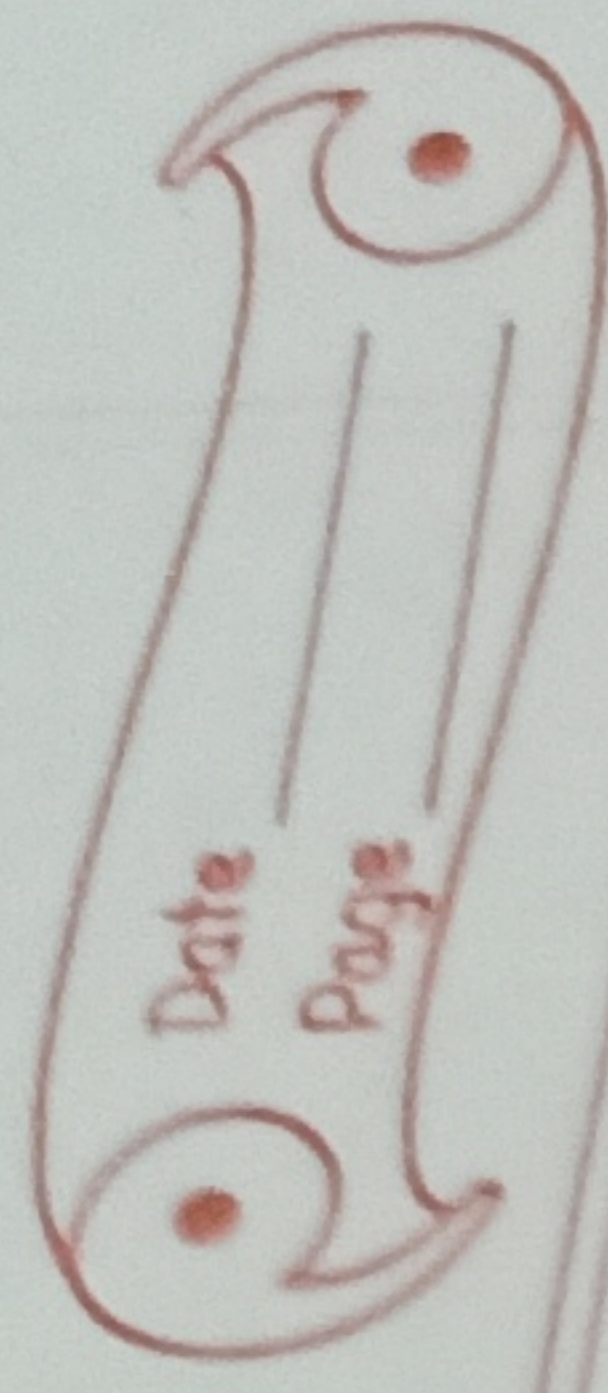
→ "Lipstick for our painted faces"  
Polish for our shoes.

This line tell us that whales ~~were~~ are used for making beauty products and polish for our shoes.

3. Bird-high notes, keening, soaring:

a) what are these lines describing?

→ The whales are keenly personified who who are in deep sadness over the loss of their kith and kin to human cruelty.



3) What does the speaker describing it as keening?  
→ The speaker describing it as keening because the whale is very sad and keening a loud, sad song for someone who has died.

4) What are 'painted faces'? How does the speaker feel about them?

→ The painted faces are referred as beauty products that are used for makeover of the face. The poet feels very sorry that it suffers due to heartless attitude of the humans.

5) How would we make the whales 'dumb'?

→ We would make the whales dumb after they are silenced by perpetual killing.

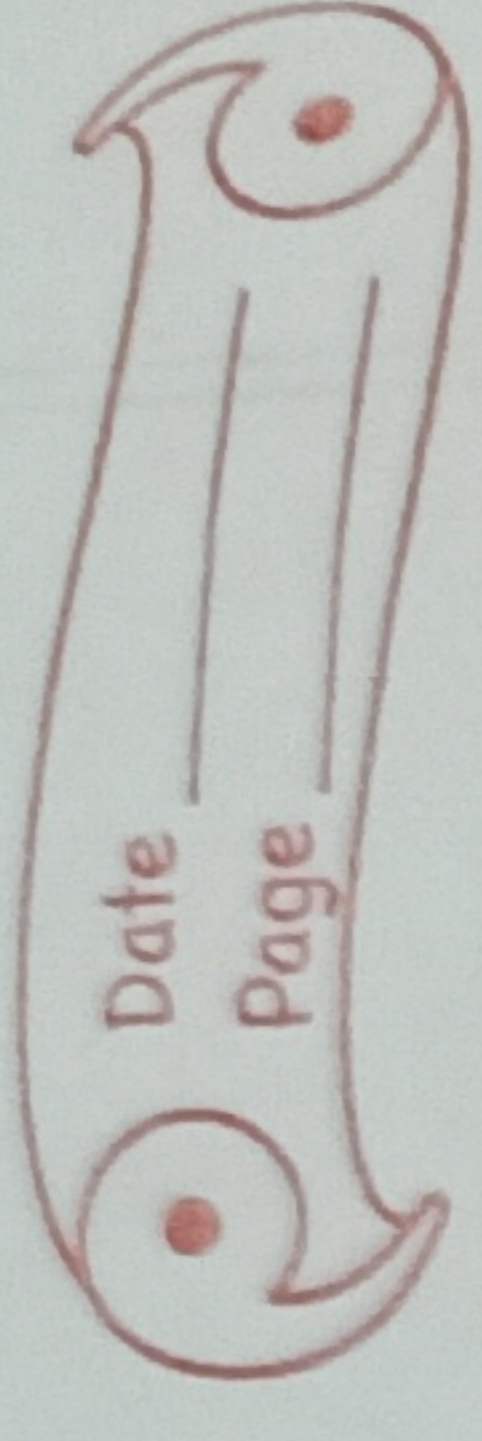


2. Who is the speaker addressing in the poem? Why does he do that?

→ The speaker in this poem is addressing the whales who are killed by humans. The speaker did that because for the plight of the whale who is being personified with all human cruelty and selfishness.

3. What feelings does the speaker wish to convey in the poem? Sadness? Anger? Disgust? Support your answer with lines from the poem.

→ It is about the boy who believes we're killing whales for not necessary things. He mercilessly writes about the pointless killing of magnificent animals just to satisfy human needs.



4. Does the speaker ~~think~~ think there is hope yet for the whales? How do we know?

→ The poet feels that soon we'll be silencing this whale too in our bid to make lipsticks and shoe polish rather than preserve a life. By not killing them for useless things.