

(B) Think and answer

Q1) Why is the poem titled "The Song of the Whale"?

Ans → The poem is titled "The Song of the Whale" because it is based upon the grievance of the whale on losing its siblings.

Q2) Who is the speaker addressing in the poem? Why does he do that?

Ans → The speaker is addressing the whale in the poem because he wants to tell the cruelty and selfishness of humans towards these innocent animals.

Q3) What feelings does the speaker wish to convey in the poem? Anger? Sadness? Disgust? Support your answer with lines from the poem.

Ans → The speaker wants to convey his sadness, anger and disgust in the poem.

In the line "Great whale, crying for your life, crying for your kind I knew", the speaker shows his sadness about killing the whales.

He feels angry and disgusting in the lines "We would make you dumb, in the forest of the sea, whale, I heard you singing." because when the killers or hunters know that the whale is singing, and when they hear, they will kill the whale at that point.

Q4) Does the speaker think there is hope yet for the whales? How do we know?

Ans → No, the speaker doesn't think there is hope yet for the whales. We know it through the following lines.

“ Singing to your kind,
we'll never let you be.
Instead of life we choose

Lipstick for our painted faces,
Polish for our shoes.”

In these lines, the poet says that the ~~boat~~ humans will never let the whale to sing for its kith and kind because humans, instead of saving life will choose for lipstick and shoe polish

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