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THE SONG OF THE WHALE ①

A. Answer the questions.

1. Why is the whale crying?

Ans → The whale is crying for all its family members that have been killed by humans. We are slaughtering species ~~for our~~ ~~own~~ for our own benefit. Instead of the whale's live, we are choosing lipsticks and polishes and other products that are made of whales.

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

Ans → The lines "Lipstick for our painted faces, polish for our shoes" tell us that the whales are used for.

3. Bird - high notes, keening / Screeching.

a) What are these lines describing?

Ans → The lines are describing the pain and helplessness of the whales that are crying.

about their plight, the exploitation by humans and fear of extinction.

The use of sound conveys a sense of sadness in a whale, which encourages us to also feel for the whale.

b) Why does the speaker describe it as 'keening'?

Ans- The word keening creates an impression of pain or loss as high-pitched sounds are often associated with pain and grief. The whales are missing their friends and relatives as we human keep on killing them for our greed. Thus, they sing the keening songs.

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

Ans Painted faces are faces made up with ~~so~~ cosmetics. The poet dislikes them as he is aware that we are killing whales to obtain these beauty products, which is a sheer waste of life.

5. How would ^{we} make the whales 'dumb'?

Ans- The word 'dumb' suggests something is silent and unable to speak. In this case the whale has died or is dying and so is no longer able to sing. This line means, that man would ~~kill~~ kill all the whales, making them attract.

6. Why does the speaker say that we are not choosing 'life'?

Ans- The whales are being killed for our needs and greeds and instead of the lives of the whales, we are choosing make-up, polish and other beauty products they provide, instead of letting the whales live, we are choosing luxury items for ourselves.

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