

## Quiz B: RL.7.4

Read the poem. Then answer the questions.

“Barter”

Sara Teasdale

Life has loveliness to sell,  
All beautiful and splendid things,  
Blue waves whitened on a cliff,  
Soaring fire that sways and sings,  
5 And children’s faces looking up  
Holding wonder like a cup.

Life has loveliness to sell,  
Music like a curve of gold,  
Scent of pine trees in the rain,  
10 Eyes that love you, arms that hold,  
And for your spirit’s still delight,  
Holy thoughts that star the night.

Spend all you have for loveliness,  
Buy it and never count the cost;  
15 For one white singing hour of peace  
Count many a year of strife well lost,  
And for a breath of ecstasy  
Give all you have been, or could be.

1. What is the effect of the metaphor in the following lines from the text?

“And for your spirit’s still delight,  
Holy thoughts that star the night.”

- A. It reveals that the speaker enjoys stargazing.
  - B. It reminds the reader that only some thoughts are “holy.”
  - C. It tells the reader that the poem is set on a starry night.
  - D. It suggests that “holy thoughts” light up the darkness.
2. What is the main effect of repeating the following words in the first two stanzas?

“Life has loveliness to sell . . .”

- A. It focuses the reader’s attention on the author’s main point.
- B. It sets up an expectation that the author reverses in the final stanza.
- C. It establishes the rhyme scheme for each stanza.
- D. It encourages the reader to predict the value of life’s loveliness.

