

Quiz B: RL.7.5

Read the passage. Then answer the questions.

“A Dream within a Dream”

Edgar Allan Poe

- Take this kiss upon the brow!
And, in parting from you now,
Thus much let me avow—
You are not wrong, who deem
- 5 That my days have been a dream;
Yet if hope has flown away
In a night, or in a day,
In a vision, or in none,
Is it therefore the less *gone*?
- 10 *All* that we see or seem
Is but a dream within a dream.

- I stand amid the roar
Of a surf-tormented shore,
And I hold within my hand
- 15 Grains of the golden sand—
How few! yet how they creep
Through my fingers to the deep,
While I weep—while I weep!
O God! Can I not grasp
- 20 Them with a tighter clasp?
O God! Can I not save
One from the pitiless wave?
Is *all* that we see or seem
But a dream within a dream?

1. How do the two stanzas of the poem add to its overall meaning?
- A. The first stanza shows the speaker’s love; the second stanza shows his hatred.
 - B. The first stanza shows the speaker’s anger; the second stanza shows his peacefulness.
 - C. The first stanza shows the speaker’s confusion; the second stanza shows his understanding.
 - D. The first stanza shows the speaker’s calm; the second stanza shows his suffering.

