

Poetry is the inner evolution of a poet in the making. It is as abrupt and unexpected as if summoned by a mysterious poet whose origins are unknown. 'Where does it come from?' The poet does not know whether it is from winter or river.

Perhaps, it came from the branches of night, which symbolizes obscurity and mystery. The poet is trying to express the inexpressible. It is like deciphering the fire. The fire is an inner fire - the fire of poetic inspiration.

1. Do you think the speaker in the poem earnestly wishes to be a poet? Which lines says so?

:- No, he doesn't. Poetry arrived in search of me.

2. What is figure of speech used in the expression 'poetry arrived'?

:- Personification.

Winter is season of when everything seems frozen and lifeless whereas the river

represents the flow of life. Find out the similar expression of contrast from the poem.

Ans: "They were not words,
nor silence"

4. What was the poet's condition before 'poetry arrived'?

Ans: He was without a face. He didn't know what to say. His mouth had no way with names. His eyes were blind.

5. What happened to the poet when 'poetry arrived'?

Ans: Some fire started in the soul. He remembered his forgotten wings. He made his own way understanding that fire that started in his soul.