

Activity answers: "And in Wonder and Amazement I Sing"

by Rabindranath Tagore

1. **Why does the speaker sing in wonder and amazement?**
 - The speaker sings in wonder and amazement because of the beauty and magnificence of the natural world and the universe. The sky filled with the sun and stars, and the universe brimming with life fill the speaker with a sense of wonder.
2. **What do you think 'eternity's rushing tide' means?**
 - 'Eternity's rushing tide' refers to the continuous and endless flow of time and life. It signifies the unstoppable and powerful force of time that influences everything.
3. **Pick out the worldly wonders described in the poem.**
 - The sky full of the sun and stars
 - The universe full of life
 - Blades of grass in the woodlands
 - Fragrance of flowers
4. **What 'maddened' the poet's mind?**
 - The fragrance of the flowers and the gifts of gladness and joy in nature maddened the poet's mind.
5. **Why does the speaker prick his ears, open his eyes, and bare his heart?**
 - The speaker pricks his ears, opens his eyes, and bares his heart to fully experience and appreciate the wonders of the world around him.
6. **What do you think the poet means by: 'In the midst of the known I have sought the unknown'?**
 - The poet means that even though he is surrounded by familiar things, he continually seeks new experiences and knowledge beyond what he already knows.

What fills the speaker with wonder and amazement?

- **The sky full of the sun and the stars:** The vastness and beauty of the sky, with its celestial bodies, amaze the speaker.
- **The universe full of life:** The abundance of life in the universe fills the speaker with wonder.

Match the words to form proper pairs:

a. flowers – fragrance

- This pair highlights the association of flowers with their scent.

b. grass – blades

- This pair describes the physical form of grass.

c. mind – maddened

- This pair shows how the mind is affected or overwhelmed.

d. veins – racing

- This pair illustrates the feeling of blood moving quickly through the veins.

e. swayed – world

- This pair describes how the world is influenced or moved by something.

Alliteration Examples:

- "The sky is full of the sun and the stars" (repetition of the 's' sound)
- "The universe is full of life" (repetition of the 'f' sound in 'full' and 'life')
- "With my feet I have touched the blades of grass" (repetition of the 'f' sound in 'feet' and 'grass')
- "I have felt its tug in my blood" (repetition of the 't' sound in 'tug' and 'blood')