

Chapter 1: Past, Present, Future

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Read the poem aloud using proper rhythm and intonation.

SOLUTION

Students do it on your own.

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Link the items in the three columns properly.

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The past	A sea beneath a cloudless sun	A pleasant time which has ended
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Find the meaning of the following words.

- thee
- mournfully
- spray
- mighty

SOLUTION

- **thee** - you (archaic/ old usage)

- **mournfully** - sadly
- **spray** - a flowering branch
- **might** - physical strength

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Write the adjectives that are used to describe the following.

- evening
- spray
- sea

SOLUTION

- evening - soft, mild
- spray - green, flowery
- sea - mighty, glorious, dazzling

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Write one line about each of the following with the help of the poem.

- wind in the autumn evening
- young bird on the spray
- the sea

SOLUTION

- It sighs expressing sadness.
- Sits on the flowery branch gathering all its physical and mental strength to explore the blue sky.
- Vast is the sea beneath the cloudless sun and as it stretches endlessly, it displays might, glorious and dazzling beauty.

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There are three metaphors in the poem. Can you find them?

SOLUTION

- Past is 'An autumn evening soft and mild'.
- Present is 'A green and flowering spray'.
- Future is 'A sea beneath a cloudless sun'.