



The Ocean's Song

*Read the passage below and answer
the questions on the next page.*



The ocean is a deep blue mystery,
A whispering shell's sweet history.
It roars like a lion in the storm,
But in the sunshine, it's lukewarm.

Its waves dance like children at play,
Glistening in the light of day.
Under the moon, it's a silver sea,
Reflecting the night's tranquility.

With secrets in its dark, uncharted deep,
It's a treasure that the Earth does keep.
The ocean's song, both wild and free,
Is a melody of mystery.

1) What figurative language is used to describe the ocean in the second line? What does it mean?

2. How is the ocean compared to a lion? What does this simile suggest about the ocean?

3) What does the author mean by "Its waves dance like children at play"?

4) How does the imagery of the ocean change from day to night in the poem?

5) Why do you think the author calls the ocean's song "a melody of mystery"?
