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Poetry Worksheet

MY MOTHER

Hark! My mother's voice I hear,
Sweet that voice is to my ear;
Ever soft, it seems to tell,
Dearest child, I love thee well.
Love me, mother? Yes, I know
None can love so well as thou.
Was it not upon thy breast
I was taught to sleep and rest?
Didst thou not, in hours of pain,
Lull this head to ease again?
With the music of thy voice,
Bid my little heart rejoice?
Ever gentle, meek and mild,
Thou didst nurse thy fretful child.
Teach these little feet the road
Leading on to heaven and God.
What return then can I make?
This fond heart, dear mother take;
Thine its, in word and thought,
Thine by constant kindness bought.

QUESTIONS

1. What sense does the poet appeal most to?
2. How many syllables are there in lines 1?
3. What is the mood of this poem?
4. What keyword sets the tone?
5. What is the poet request?
6. How does the poet think one can return love to their mother?