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# Poetry Worksheet

Read the poem. Then answer the questions below.

## IF ALL THE SKIES

by Henry Van Dyke.

If all the skies were sunshine,  
Our faces would be fain  
To feel once more upon them  
The cooling splash of rain.



If all the world were music,  
Our hearts would often long  
For one sweet strain of silence,  
To break the endless song.



If life were always merry,  
Our souls would seek relief,  
And rest from weary laughter  
In the quiet arms of grief.

## QUESTIONS

1. What is the rhyme scheme for the first stanza?

- ☐ ABCD      ☐ ABCB      ☐ ABAB      ☐ ABBC

2. How many syllables are there in lines 1 and 2?

Line 1 \_\_\_\_\_ syllables

Line 2 \_\_\_\_\_ syllables

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3. In the line, “If all the skies were sunshine” is an example of \_\_\_\_.

hyperbole

metaphor

paradox

simile

4. In every stanza the poet compare two things. What two things were compared in each stanza. Type your answers in the space provided.

example: man, woman

Stanza one-

Stanza two –

Stanza three –

5. Why do you think we need both music and silence in life? Select your answers.

- ☐ Too much loudness makes us tired and stressful.
- ☐ Humans need to dry clothes, plant, and farm in peace.
- ☐ Silence helps us contemplate life.
- ☐ The plants and grass needed to be watered.

6. What does ‘*fain*’ mean?

pained

sadden

glad

unwilling

7. What are the rhymes from the poem?

Stanza one rhymes -

Stanza two rhymes –

Stanza three rhymes –