

Introduction

This support pack accompanies:

Poems – I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud

To watch the video online, go to:

<http://learnenglish.britishcouncil.org/en/poems/i-wandered-lonely-cloud>

This support pack contains the following materials:

- a pre-reading vocabulary activity;
- the poem
- a language task



This famous poem by William Wordsworth (1770-1850) was inspired by the spring flower, the yellow, or golden daffodil.

Before you watch / read

Match the words and phrases in the table to their definitions.

1. host	2. sprightly	3. o'er
4. out-did	5. vales	6. milky-way
7. jocund	8. oft	9. glee

Definitions:

- A feeling of joy and excitement
- Another word for a crowd
- Lively
- Poetic way to say 'over'
- The galaxy that contains our solar system
- Cheerful
- Performed better than
- A poetic way to say 'often'
- Valleys

I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud

by William Wordsworth

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed-and gazed-but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought.

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

Language task

In this version of the poem, some of the words have been removed. The rhyming structure is ABABCC. With this in mind, can you put the words back into the poem?

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glee solitude daffodils hills breeze eye bay shine crowd gay brought glance

Answers

Language Task: See the original poem

Before you listen / read: 1 - b, 2 - c, 3 - d, 4 - g, 5 - i, 6 - e, 7 - f, 8 - h, 9 - a