

When I set out for Lyonesse

Working with the poem (Page 106)

Question 1:

In the first stanza, find words that show

- (i) that it was very cold.
- (ii) that it was late evening.
- (iii) that the traveller was alone.

Answer:

- (i) that it was very cold – rime
- (ii) that it was late evening – starlight
- (iii) that the traveller was alone – lonesomeness

Question 2:

- (i) Something happened at Lyonesse. It was
 - (a) improbable.
 - (b) impossible.
 - (c) unforeseeable.
- (ii) Pick out two lines from stanza 2 to justify your answer.

Answer:

- (i) Something happened at Lyonesse. It was
 - (c) unforeseeable
- (ii) “No prophet durst declare;
Nor did the wisest wizard guess”.

Question 3:

- (i) Read the line (stanza 3) that implies the following:
‘Everyone noticed something, and they made guesses, but didn’t speak a word.’
- (ii) Now read the line that refers to what they noticed,

Answer:

- (i) “All marked with mute surmise.”
- (ii) “My radiance rare and fathomless.”