

Wings

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1 If I had wings

I would touch the fingertips of clouds
and glide on the wind's breath.

4 If I had wings

I would taste a chunk of the sun
as hot as peppered curry.

7 If I had wings

I would listen to the clouds of sheep bleat
that graze on the blue.

10 If I had wings

I would breathe deep and sniff
the scent of raindrops.

13 If I had wings

I would gaze at the people
who cling to the earth's crust.

16 If I had wings

I would dream of
swimming the deserts
and walking the seas.

Name:

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1. Why do you think all of the verses begin in the same way?

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1 mark

2. Match the senses with what the writer would focus on.

Sight

People

Hearing

The sun

Smell

Clouds of sheep

Touch

Fingertips of clouds

Taste

Raindrops

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2 marks

3. Why does the poet compare the sun to "*peppered curry*" (verse 2)?

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1 mark

4. In real life, which creatures might "*glide on the wind's breath*" (verse 1)?

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1 mark

5. "*... that graze on the blue ...*"

a) Why did the writer choose the underlined word?

b) Suggest an alternative word to replace it with.

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1 mark

6. What do you think the poet means by "*clouds of sheep*" (verse 3)?

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1 mark

7. The last verse is:

*"If I had wings
I would dream of
swimming the deserts
and walking the seas."*

How is this verse different from the previous verses? Give **two** ways.

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2 marks

8. Write a sentence or two summarising what the poem is about.

The poem *Wings* is about _____

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1 mark

9. Do you think the poet would like to have wings? **Yes** ☐ **No** ☐

Explain your answer fully, referring to the poem.

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2 marks