

If I were...

This task is about predicting what the poem could be about by making inferences.

You will read a poem in three parts, one part at a time.

After reading each part:

- in the left hand boxes, write all the things you think the poem might be describing.
- in the right hand boxes, explain how the evidence in the text supports your predictions.

If I were a _____

**If I were a _____,
I would range over farms, plains,
houses, cities, and seas.**

Part 1

I think this poem could be describing these things:

because:

If I were a _____

If I were a _____,
I would range over farms, plains,
houses, cities, and seas.

I would beat against the window panes of houses
with warm fires inside.
I would whip the leaves off trees.
I would flood rivers while I could,

Part 2

I think this poem could be describing these
things:

because:

If I were a _____

If I were a _____,
I would range over farms, plains,
houses, cities, and seas.

I would beat against the window panes of houses
with warm fires inside.

I would whip the leaves off trees.
I would flood rivers while I could,

for all too soon, the sun will peep out
from behind a cloud
and I must pick up my black billowing skirts and leave
to whine over the oceans and beyond.

Part 3

Now I think this poem could be describing
these things:

because:

Pause, look, and think back:

Something I'm still wondering about is ...