

# If I were...

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**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 ...