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ENGLISH

POEM

Name: _____

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Read the poem carefully and answer the questions below;

The Ant and the Cricket

A silly young cricket, accustomed to sing
Through the warm, sunny months of gay summer and spring,
Began to complain when he found that, at home,
His cupboard was empty, and winter was come.

Not a crumb to be found
On the snow-covered ground:
Not a flower could be seen,
Not a leaf on a tree
“Oh! What will become, “ says the cricket, “of me”?

At last by starvation and famine made bold,
All dripping with wet, and all trembling with cold,
Away he set off to a miserly ant,
To see if, to keep him alive, he would grant

Him shelter from rain,
And a mouthful of grain
He wished only to borrow;
He’d repay it tomorrow;
If not, he must die of starvation and sorrow.

Says the ant to the cricket, “ I’m your servant and friend,
But we ants never borrow; we ants never lend.
But tell me, dear cricket, did you lay nothing by
When the weather was warm?” Quoth the cricket, “Not I!

My heart was so light
That I sang day and night,
For all nature looked gay,”
“You sang, Sir, you say?
Go then, “says the ant, “and dance the winter away.”

Thus ending, he hastily lifted the wicket,
And out of the door turned the poor little cricket ,
Folks call this a fable. I’ll warrant it true;
Some crickets have four legs, and some have two.

Q1. Choose the correct answer:

- a. Why has the cricket been called silly?
- It sang throughout summer
 - It sang throughout winter



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	c. It slept through out winter
b	Why was he dripping wet? a. It was raining b. He dived into a pond c. He had taken a bath
c	What made the cricket bold? a. Starvation and summer b. Starvation and sorrow c. Starvation and famine
d	Why did the cricket go to the ant? a. To spend b. To borrow c. To lend
e	What would happen if the ant did not give him any grain? a. Die of starvation b. Die of famine c. Die of summer
f	Pick out the word from the poem which mean ‘ Grief’: a. Starvation b. Sorrow c. famine
g	Pick out the word from the poem which is the synonym of ‘ Quickly’: a. hastily b. misery c. duty
h	What did the ant suggest the cricket: a. to dance the winter away b. to dance the spring away c. to dance the summer away