

Chapter 7: When I Set Out for Lyonesse

Working with the Poem

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) Rime
- (ii) Starlight
- (iii) 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 unforeseeable.
- (ii) The two lines that justify the above answer are as follows:
'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) The line that refers to what they noticed is: 'My radiance rare and fathomless'