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Tone Worksheet 3

Directions: Read each poem and then answer the following questions.

Noon

By Kendall Banning

The bees are humming, humming in the clover;
The bobolink¹ is singing in the rye;
The brook is purling², purling in the valley,
And the river's laughing, radiant, to the sky!

The buttercups are nodding in the sunlight;
The winds are whispering, whispering to the pine;
The joy of June has found me; as an aureole³ it's crowned me
Because, oh best beloved, you are mine!

1. **bobolink:** a songbird.
2. **purling:** when a stream flows with a murmuring sound.
3. **aureole:** a golden circle of light, usually around the head of a god or a saint.

1. What is this poem about? _____

2. What is the speaker's tone? _____

Explain your answer using textual evidence.

The Land of Nod

By Robert Louis Stevenson

From breakfast on through all the day
At home among my friends I stay,
But every night I go abroad
Afar into the land of Nod.

All by myself I have to go,
With none to tell me what to do--
All alone beside the streams
And up the mountain-sides of dreams.

The strangest things are there for me,
Both things to eat and things to see,
And many frightening sights abroad
Till morning in the land of Nod.

Try as I like to find the way,
I never can get back by day,
Nor can remember plain and clear
The curious music that I hear.

3. What is this poem about? _____

4. What is the speaker's tone? _____

Explain your answer using textual evidence.

Swinging

By W. K. Clifford

Swing, swing, swing,
See! the sun is gone away;
Swing, swing, swing,
Gone to make a bright new day.
Swing, swing, swing.
I can see as up I go
The poplars waving to and fro,
I can see as I come down
The lights are twinkling in the town,
High and low,
Fast and slow,
Swing, swing, swing.

5. What is this poem about? _____

6. What is the speaker's tone? _____

Explain your answer using textual evidence.

Little Things

By Ebenezer Cobham Brewer

Little drops of water,
Little grains of sand,
Make the mighty ocean
And the pleasant land.

Thus the little minutes,
Humble though they be,
Make the mighty ages
Of eternity¹.

1. **eternity**: forever

7. What is this poem about? _____

8. What is the speaker's tone? _____

Explain your answer using textual evidence.