Simile Worksheet 3

Directions: Identify the two things that are being compared in each simile and explain what the simile is expressing in literal language.

Simile: a comparison between two different things using the word “like” or “as.”

Example: Fame is fleeting as the wind

Fame (is / are) being compared to the wind

In literal language this means...
This means that fame can come and go very quickly.

1. Bright were his eyes like live coals, as he gave me a sideways glance.

___________________________ (is / are) being compared to ___________________________

In literal language this means...

2. They were standing where a brook, bending like a shepherd's crook,
   Flashed its silver, and thick ranks of willow fringed its mossy banks;

___________________________ (is / are) being compared to ___________________________

In literal language this means...

3. A year has gone, as the tortoise goes, heavy and plodding;

___________________________ (is / are) being compared to ___________________________

In literal language this means...

4. There are souls, like stars, that dwell apart, in a fellowless firmament;

___________________________ (is / are) being compared to ___________________________

In literal language this means...
5. One self-denying act, one word that eased the heart of him that heard; 
One glance most kind, which felt like sunshine where it went,
___________________________ (is / are) being compared to ___________________________

In literal language this means...

6. The mellow glow of the twilight shone like a jeweled crown,
___________________________ (is / are) being compared to ___________________________

In literal language this means...

7. The skies in the darkness stoop nearer and nearer,
A cluster of stars hangs like fruit in the tree,
___________________________ (is / are) being compared to ___________________________

In literal language this means...

8. What shall we do when hope is gone? The words leapt like a leaping sword;
"Sail on! sail on! sail on! and on!"
___________________________ (is / are) being compared to ___________________________

In literal language this means...

9. Turn from blotted archives of the past and find the future's pages white as snow!
___________________________ (is / are) being compared to ___________________________

In literal language this means...

10. Why should the spirit of mortal be proud! Like a swift fleeting meteor, a fast flying cloud,
A flash of the lightning, a break of the wave, he passes from life to his rest in the grave.
___________________________ (is / are) being compared to ___________________________

In literal language this means...