

Unit 13

Name: _____

Reading Comprehension

The Poetry of Birds

A Read the poem. What do you visualize? Read and answer the questions.

A Pair of Yellow Warblers Sing in the Green Willow

by Du Fu

A pair of yellow warblers sing in the green willow,

1 What do you see? _____

2 What do you hear? _____

a file of white herons climb the blue sky.

3 What do you see? _____

4 What do you hear? _____

Framed in my window, the thousand autumn
snows of the western peaks;

5 What do you see? _____

6 What do you hear? _____

tied by my gate, a boat to take me ten thousand
miles east to Wu.

7 What do you see? _____

8 What do you hear? _____

B Read the poem in activity A again. Write four open-ended questions about it.

1 Why? _____

2 How? _____

3 What? _____

4 Where? _____



C Complete the sentences.

The Poetry of Birds includes a few _____.

Poetry is written in _____.

Why do people like to hear poetry read aloud?

D Circle True or False.

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| 1 Emily Dickenson was American. | True | False |
| 2 Masaoka Shiki wrote poems and books. | True | False |
| 3 Charles Baudelaire only wrote one poem. | True | False |
| 4 We know the name of the poet who wrote <i>A Song For All Seasons</i> . | True | False |
| 5 Kobayashi Issa's poem <i>The Tree Will Be Cut</i> is an acrostic poem. | True | False |

E Read the clues. Write the birds.

- 1 This bird is large and follows ships. _____
- 2 This bird doesn't sing in winter. _____
- 3 This bird sings in the snow. _____

Extra Read the words. Write the definitions.

- 1 comical

- 2 partly

- 3 silence

