



UNDERSTANDING IMAGES IN 'FERN HILL'

Look again at the first two verses of the poem 'Fern Hill'. Both are full of images. Decide which definition might best fit the meaning of Dylan Thomas's words.

1. about the tilting house
 - a) the house was on stilts
 - b) the house was beginning to fall down
 - c) the house seemed to be moving as the poet swung under the trees.

2. happy as the grass was green
 - a) the colour of the grass made him happy
 - b) the grass was always green so that meant he was always happy
 - c) he was feeling a bit sick

3. I was prince of the apple towns
 - a) On the backs of wagons, I was as tall as the apple trees
 - b) I was the one who ate all the apples
 - c) I won a prize for picking apples

4. I was green and carefree
 - a) I felt ill and nobody was looking after me
 - a) I was stupid and didn't understand anything
 - b) I was young and innocent, without any worries

5. Time let me play and be golden in the mercy of his means
 - a) I had a nice sun tan
 - b) I was allowed to be young and happy and without a care
 - c) I had to be careful not to play for a long time.

6. And green and golden I was huntsman and herdsman
 - a) I put on my face paints to do some acting
 - b) I was given different jobs on the farm
 - c) I was young and happy and loved feeling that I was a hunter and looked after the animals.

7. And the sabbath (Sunday) rang slowly in the pebbles of the holy streams
 - a) The world of nature was like a church, and the Sundays were slow
 - b) Nobody made phone calls on a Sunday
 - c) The sound of the church bells echoed in the water

Now write 2 examples of images which give a picture of your memory of childhood holidays:

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