

What does the title suggest?

The narrator speaks directly to the reader. What is the effect of this?

What is the effect of the phrase 'the secret night'?

Rhyme scarcely happens in the poem. Explain the effect of the use of it suddenly in the third stanza.

Throughout the poem, the narrator paints an image of the farmhand. Find two quotations that describe the farmhand and explain their effect.

What do you think is meant by the farmhand's 'awkward hopes' and 'envious dreams'?

How does the poet set the final stanza apart?

Choose a simile from the text. What impression does this give you?