

If I Had Wings

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1 If I had wings

I would touch the fingertips of clouds
and glide on the wind's breath.

4 If I had wings

I would taste a chunk of the sun
as hot as peppered curry.

7 If I had wings

I would listen to the clouds of sheep bleat
that graze on the blue.

10 If I had wings

I would breathe deep and sniff
the scent of raindrops.

13 If I had wings

I would gaze at the people
who cling to the earth's crust.

16 If I had wings

I would dream of
swimming the deserts
and walking the seas.

Name: _____

Class: _____

Date: _____

- 1 Why do you think all of the verses begin in the same way?

2f

1 mark

- 2 Match the senses with what the writer would focus on.

sight	people
hearing	the sun
smell	clouds of sheep
touch	fingertips of clouds
taste	raindrops

2b

2 marks

- 3 Why does the poet compare the sun to “peppered curry” (verse 2)?

2g

1 mark

- 4 In real life, which creatures might “glide on the wind’s breath” (verse 1)?

2d

1 mark

- 5 “... that graze on the blue ...”

- a) Why did the writer choose the underlined word?

2a

1 mark

- b) Suggest an alternative word to replace it with.

- 6 What do you think the poet means by “clouds of sheep” (verse 3)?

2g

1 mark

- 7 The last verse is:

*If I had wings
I would dream of
swimming the deserts
and walking the seas.*

How is this verse different from the previous verses? Give **two** ways.

2h

2 marks

- 8 Write a sentence or two summarising what the poem is about.

The poem *Wings* is about _____

2c

1 mark

- 9 Do you think the poet would like to have wings? Yes No

Explain your answer fully, referring to the poem.

2d

2 marks