

If human Life do pass away,
 Perishing yet more swiftly than the flower,
 If we are creatures of a winter's day ;
 What space hath Virgin's beauty to disclose
 Her sweets, and triumph o'er the breathing rose ?
 Not even an hour !

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The deepest grove whose foliage hid
 The happiest lovers Arcady might boast,
 Could not the entrance of this thought forbid :
 O be thou wise as they, soul-gifted Maid !
 Nor rate too high what must so quickly fade,
 So soon be lost !

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— Wordsworth.

- (a) In a phrase or short sentence express the main idea contained in this poem.
- (b) Briefly indicate what each stanza contributes to the expression of this idea.
- (c) Describe the versification of the poem, i.e., the form of the stanza, the lines of which the stanza is composed, and the pre-dominant foot.
- (d) Tell what you are able to gather from the poem in regard to the person addressed.
- (e) (i) Explain the meaning of "even-song" (l. 2), and "Arcady" (l. 14).
- (ii) Why is *do*, and not *does*, used in line 7 ?
- (iii) What is the noun implied in "ours" (l. 3) ?
- (iv) What is referred to in "this thought" (l. 15).
- (v) What is referred to in "what must so quickly fade" (l. 17) ?
- (vi) What does the poet refer to in calling the rose "breathing" (l. 11) ?

III.

ON THE DEATH OF MR. ROBERT LEVET.

A PRACTISER IN PHYSIC.

Well tried through many a varying year,
 See Levett to the grave descend,
 Official, innocent, sincere,
 Of every friendless name the friend.