

William and Mary Preassessment

5th Grade—Patterns of Change

Literature Preassessment

DIRECTIONS: Read the poem “New feet within my garden go...” by Emily Dickinson, and then answer the following questions. You may use a dictionary to look up unfamiliar words.

1. State and explain an important idea from the poem.

2. In your own words, explain what the speaker means by the lines, “A troubadour upon the elm/Betrays the solitude.”

3. What does the poem tell us about cyclic patterns of change? Support your response with details from the poem.

4. Write a new title for the poem. Give two reasons from the poem that show why your new title is a good one.
