

Pre-reading work

Match the words to their closest synonym.

wandered

fluttering

margin

tossing

sprightly

glee

jocund

pensive

solitude

lively

strolled

loneliness

flapping

flicking

thoughtful

edge

cheerful

delight

Skimming and scanning for information

Find the words above in the text below and highlight them.

I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud by William Wordsworth

I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host, of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

Continuous as the stars that shine
And twinkle on the milky way,
They stretched in never-ending line
Along the margin of a bay:
Ten thousand saw I at a glance,
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

The waves beside them danced; but they
Out-did the sparkling waves in glee:
A poet could not but be gay,
In such a jocund company:
I gazed—and gazed—but little thought
What wealth the show to me had brought:

For oft, when on my couch I lie
In vacant or in pensive mood,
They flash upon that inward eye
Which is the bliss of solitude;
And then my heart with pleasure fills,
And dances with the daffodils.

Summarise

Summarise the text in less than 15 words.

1. Find and copy a phrase that shows how the daffodils move.

2. Where are the daffodils located?

3. What are the daffodils compared to in stanza 2?

4. How do the daffodils make the poet feel? Explain using evidence from the text.

5. Find and copy a simile used in the poem.

6. Explain the meaning of the final stanza in your own words.
