

A FRIEND FOUND IN MUSIC

Listen, Connect and Understand

Name:

Class:

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PRE-READING

Music & Mood

Think about your own relationship with music before you read.

A song or type of music I listen to when I'm happy:

A song or type of music I listen to when I'm sad or upset:

Keep these in mind — the poem explores exactly this idea, that music responds to our different moods.

WHILE READING

Stanza 1: The Ocean and the Rhythm

Music is like an ocean that pulls the speaker to the shore, and a rhythm that moves her to the core.

Metaphor Mapping — Complete the table.

Music is compared to	What this suggests about music
An ocean	
A rhythm	

Stanza 2: The Therapy

When the speaker feels "blue," music acts as a therapy that lifts her spirits and helps her through.

Metaphor Mapping — Complete the table.

Music is compared to	What this suggests about music
Therapy	

Stanza 3: The Faithful Friend

Music is there for the speaker both in her happiest moments and in her loneliest ones, like a needed friend.

Metaphor Mapping — Complete the table.

Music is compared to	What this suggests about music
A friend	

Vocabulary in Context

Classify each word or phrase from the poem as a positive or negative emotion.

blue • cheerful • comfort • lonely • joy • strength

Positive Emotion Words	Negative Emotion Words

Rhyme Scheme

This poem follows a specific rhyme scheme where only the 2nd and 4th lines of each stanza rhyme. Write the rhyme scheme pattern using letters.

Rhyme scheme:

POST-READING

Universal Appeal

This is a common board exam question: why does this poem have universal appeal (why can almost anyone relate to it)?

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Personal Connection

Compare your own experience of music with the feelings the poet expresses.

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Point of View

The poem uses first-person expressions like "pulls me," "I feel blue," and "I need." Why does the poet choose to write in the first person rather than the third person?

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Exit Ticket

One line from the poem I connect with most, and why:



Well done! You've completed your Reading Companion for A Friend Found in Music.

Keep this sheet safe — it's a great quick-revision tool before your exam.