



Lesson 6: 'A Refusal to Mourn the Death, by Fire, of a Child in London'

Task 1

In pairs, consider the following questions:

1. What did you like about the poem? What did you dislike?

We liked...	We disliked...

2. What are the poem's strengths and weaknesses?

The poem's strengths	The poem's weaknesses



3. Which images did you like most?

Task 2

As a class, consider what are the **main themes** of this poem.
Which of these themes is the most important, in your opinion?

Task 3

In pairs, complete this table by finding evidence from the poem to support each point and explaining it thoroughly.

Point	Evidence – a few quotations from the poem	Explanation
1. Dylan Thomas refuses to mourn the child's death as people usually do.		
2. After the child is buried, the poet believes she will return to nature.		



<p>3. The poet sees the child's death as something important, or even sacred.</p>		
<p>4. The poet views the child's death as a tragedy.</p>		
<p>5. The child's death represents the death of all mankind.</p>		