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*Discussion Prompts*

## Crystal Moment



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Here are questions and statements to discuss with your partner. Use details and inferences from the poem to support your ideas. You may jot down notes on this page to remind you of your discussion.

1. Why do you think the poet called this poem “Crystal Moment”? Explain what this “crystal moment” is.
2. Find an example of metaphor and one of simile and discuss how these uses of figurative language create memorable and vivid images.
3. This poem is written in rhymed couplets, pairs of lines in which the last words rhyme. Reread the last couplet and relate it to the author’s purpose and a theme in the poem.
4. What does the word “pageant” refer to?” Discuss this word’s denotative and connotative meanings and connect the meanings to a theme of the poem.
5. Research on the Internet a hunt with riders and hounds and share what you’ve learned with your partner and/or the class.

### WRITTEN RESPONSE

Choose one discussion prompt to write about in your notebook. Head a new page with the title and author of the poem. Write the prompt you chose below that, and then record notes that relate to the prompt: words and phrases from the poem, your ideas and feelings about the poem, things you noticed about the language and sounds of the poem, and so on. Then use your notes to write an informal paragraph in response to the prompt.