



English

Poetry key quotations - Task

Label each box with the correct poem.

‘sneer of cold command’
‘Nothing beside remains’
‘The lone and level sands stretch far
away.’

‘Marks of weakness, marks of woe.’
‘The mind-forged manacles I hear.’
‘soldier’s sigh/Runs in blood down
palace walls.’

‘One summer evening (led by her)’
‘Went heaving through the water like a
swan;’
‘The horizon’s bound, a huge peak, black
and huge,’
‘But huge and mighty forms, that do not
live/Like living men’

‘(since none puts by/The curtain I
have drawn for you, but I)’
‘her looks went everywhere.’
‘I gave commands;/Then all smiles
stopped together.’

‘Honour the charge they made!’
‘Into the jaws of Death,/Into the
mouth of hell’
‘Rode the six hundred.’ - Repeated

‘Our brains ache, in the merciless
iced east winds that knife us...’
‘Is it that we are dying?’
‘But nothing happens.’ - Repeated



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‘We are prepared:’

‘Exploding comfortably’

‘spits like a tame cat/Turned savage.’

‘We are bombarded by the empty
air.’

‘probably armed, possible not.’ -
Repeated

‘His blood-shadow stays on the
street.’

‘his bloody life in my bloody hands.’

‘I wanted to graze my nose/across
the tip of your nose, play at/being
Eskimos’

‘All my words/flattened, rolled,
turned into felt,’

‘the world overflowing/like a
treasure chest.’

‘spools of suffering set out in ordered
rows.’

‘A stranger’s features/faintly start to twist
before his eyes,/a half-formed ghost.’

‘A hundred agonies in black and white/from
which his editor will pick out five or six for
Sunday’s supplement.’

‘pages smoothed and stroked and
turned transparent with attention.’

‘might fly our lives like paper kites.’

‘with living tissue, raise a
structure/never meant to last,’

‘but I am branded by an impression of
sunlight.’

‘The white streets of that city, the graceful
slopes/glow even clearer as time rolls its
tanks’

‘My city takes me dancing through the city/
of walls. They accuse me of absence,’



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