Poetry Comprehension with Written Answers

Name: _____ **Date:** _____

After the Rain

The old oak stands beside the lane,
Its branches comb the clouds for rain.
A robin threads a song through air,
While silver drops shine everywhere.

The puddles hold the morning sky,
And passing boots go splish and sigh.
A little stream runs down the street,
With paper boats that race my feet.

Then sun peeps out from behind grey,
And paints the roofs a brighter day.
The oak shakes diamonds from its sleeves—
The wind skips off through dancing leaves.

Answer in full sentences

Read the poem carefully. Use details from the poem to support your answers.

1. What is happening in the poem? Give two details to support your answer.

2. What does the poet mean when they say, “The puddles hold the morning sky”?

3. Copy a phrase that helps you hear the water. What sound does it make you imagine?

4. Choose one image from the poem, such as “branches comb the clouds”. What does it make you imagine?

5. How does the mood change from the beginning to the end? Use a word or phrase from the poem.

6. Which line is your favourite? Explain why you chose it.

Read back your answers before you finish.