**The Lake Isle of Innisfree**

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I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,

And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made;

Nine bean-rows will I have there, a hive for the honey-bee,

And live alone in the bee-loud glade.

And I shall have some peace there, for peace comes dropping slow,

Dropping from the veils of the morning to where the cricket sings;

There midnight’s all a glimmer, and noon a purple glow,

And evening full of the linnet’s wings.

I will arise and go now, for always night and day

I hear lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore;

While I stand on the roadway, or on the pavements grey,

I hear it in the deep heart’s core.

**Guidelines.**

*The poem was written London in 1888 whilst Yeats was in London after he heard “ a little tinkle of water” as he was walking along Fleet Street.*

*The Isle of Innisfree is one of 20 small Islands located within Lough Gill, a freshwater lake, located in County Sligo.*

Define the structure, form and meter of the poem. How does it influence our perception and musicality of the poem ?

Sum up the contents of each stanza.

How does the poet paly with alliterations, assonances repetitions and imagery throughout the poem ? To which purpose ?

What is suggested by the use of the modal auxiliaries ? What is the poet craving for ? Explain how he conveys his message.