

The Fisherman

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The answers to these questions are not clearly in the text, you need to **infer**. Inference is when you think of an answer based on what's being said and what you know yourself.

The fisherman goes out at dawn.
When every one's abed,
And from the bottom of the sea
Draws up his daily bread.

Does he really get bread from the sea?

His life is strange; half on the shore
And half upon the sea -
Not quite a fish, and yet not quite
The same as you and me.

Why is the Fisherman different to us?

The fisherman has curious eyes;
They make you feel so near,
As if they had seen many things
Of wonder and of fear.

What could the Fisherman have seen?

They're like the sea on foggy days, -
Not grey, not green nor blue;
They're like the wondrous tales he tells -
Not quite - yet may be - true.

Why are the Fisherman's eyes cloudy?

He knows so much of boats and tides,
Of winds and clouds and sky!
But when I tell of city things, He sniffs and
shuts one eye!

Why does the Fisherman shut an eye when you talk to him about the city?
