


I LOVE THEE - KCSE ENGLISH POETRY QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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Read the poem below and answer the questions that follow.

I LOVE THEE

I love thee,as I love the calm
Of sweet,star-lighted hours
I love thee,as I love the balm
Of early jasmine flowers
I love thee,as I love thee last
Rich smile of fading day
Which lingereth,like the look we cast
On rapture passed away
I love thee as I love as I love the tone
Of some soft breathing flute
Whose soul is woken for me alone
When all beside is mute
I love thee as I love the first
Young violet of the spring
Or the pale lily,April nursed
To scented blossoming.
(By Eliza Acton).....

QUESTIONS

- a) Identify the persona in the poem. (2 marks)
- b) What is the poem talking about? (4marks)
- c) List four pairs of rhyming words from the above poem. (4 marks)
- d) Who is the poet of the above poem? (2marks)
- e) Identify any instance of repetition. (2 marks)
- f) Who is referred to as “thee” in the poem? Explain your answer (3marks)

ANSWERS

- (a)The persona is a lover(1mark).Addressing his/her love.(1mark)
- (b)The poem is talking about love. The speaker compares his/her love for his love with various things(4marks)e.g star lighted hours, jasmine flowers, etc
- (c)-calm-balm, last-cast,tone-lone,hours-flowers,first-nursed,spring blossoming(any four pairs-4marks)
- (d)Eliza Acton(2marks)

- (e) I love thee, as I love.....(2marks)
- (f) The persona's love interest(2marks) Explanation: because that is the subject matter(1mk) total 3mks