

Gerard Manley Hopkins
Inversnaid
Wrap your mind around these questions!

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1. Hopkins is noted for the lyrical or musical quality of his poetry.
 - Explain how he uses various language devices to achieve this lyrical effect. (10)

2. This poem is noted for Hopkins' creation of words. How do the following words add to the descriptive or lyrical quality of the piece?
 - "rollrock". (4)
 - "windpuff-bonnet of fáwn-fróth". (4)
 - "the beadbonny ash". (4)

3. Of a pool so pitchblack, féll-frówning,
It rounds and rounds Despair to drowning.
 - Some commentators, knowing of Hopkins' repeated states of depression in his later life, conclude that the poet is succumbing to such depression in this verse. Is this a correct interpretation? (10)

4. Is there a change of mood between the first three verses and the final verse? (4)

5. Hopkins coined the words "Inscape" and "Instress" to describe the poet's craft.
 - To what extent would it be correct to use these words in association with the Inversnaid Falls? (10)

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