

**William Wordsworth**  
**The world is too much with us**  
**Easier questions to cut your teeth on!**

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1. The structure of the sonnet:
  - What type of sonnet is this? How do you know? (4)
  - What is the theme of the Octave? (2)
  - What is the theme of the Sestet? (2)
  - Where does the Octave end? (2)
  
2. The words "rather" and "than" are usually associated, e.g. "I'd rather be a leader than a follower" and "She said she'd rather be short than be very tall".
  - Bearing this in mind, therefore, complete the poet's argument when he says, "I'd rather be a pagan suckled in a creed outworn than . . ." (2)
  
3. "The winds that will be howling at all hours  
And are up-gather'd now like sleeping flowers."
  - Describe the two states of the wind that are portrayed here. (2)
  
4. "So might I, standing on this pleasant lea,  
Have glimpses that would make me less forlorn;  
Have sight of Proteus rising from the sea;  
Or hear old Triton blow his wreathéd horn."
  - What is a "pleasant lea"? (2)
  - Who are "Proteus" and "old Triton"? (4)

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