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The Zebras
Easy questions to cut your teeth on!

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1. From the dark woods that breathe of fallen showers,
Harnessed with level rays in golden reins,
The zebras draw the dawn across the plains.
 - What evidence from the poem indicates that it has recently rained? (2)
 - What evidence is there that it is no longer raining? (2)
 - What is a harness? (2)
 - What is a rein? (2)
 - How do you know that the sun has only recently risen? (2)
 - Explain the meaning of the word "plains". (2)

2. The sunlight, zithering their flanks with fire,
Flashes between the shadows as they pass
Barred with electric tremors through the grass
Like wind along the gold strings of a lyre.
 - What is a zither? (2)
 - In what way could the sunlight be "zithering their flanks with fire"? (4)
 - What exactly is it that "flashes between the shadows as they pass"? (4)
 - What is a "lyre"? (2)

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