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The Rose That Grew from Concrete

By Tupac Shakur

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Tupac Shakur (1971-1996) was an African American rapper, actor, poet, and activist. Shakur continues to be considered an influential rapper today and has been inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame. As you read, take notes on how the speaker feels about the rose.

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- [1] Did u hear about the rose that grew
from a crack in the concrete?
Proving nature's law is wrong it
learned 2 walk with out having feet.
- [5] Funny it seems, but by keeping its dreams,
it learned 2 breathe fresh air.
Long live the rose that grew from concrete
when no one else ever cared.



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1. How many stanzas are in the poem? _____
2. How many lines are in the poem? _____
3. How many verses are in the poem? _____
4. How many runon lines are in the poem? _____
5. How many end-stopped lines are in the poem? _____
6. What is the poem's refrain? _____
7. What is the subject of the poem? _____
8. What is the poem's diction? _____

Text-Dependent Questions

Directions: For the following questions, choose the best answer or respond in complete sentences.

9. PART A: Which of the following identifies a main theme of the text?
- A. All living things need support from others in order to grow.
 - B. We must learn and grow from our failures.
 - C. People can overcome difficulties and succeed.
 - D. Nature can overcome problems better than people.
10. PART B: Which detail from the poem best supports the answer to Part A?
- A. "Did u hear about the rose that grew" (Lines 1)
 - B. "I learned 2 walk without having feet" (Lines 3-4)
 - C. "Long live the rose that grew from concrete" (Line 7)
 - D. "when no one else even cared!" (Line 8)
11. What does the phrase "the rose that grew from concrete" mean figuratively as used in this poem?
