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### **Shade of our trees Poetry Writing Assignment**

Your assignment will be to create at least one new quatrain (4 lines of verse) for the song shade of our trees.

What you will be marked on:

Lyrics contain the rhyme pattern a b c b 4 marks

Each line of verse has no more than 10 words 4 marks

Lyric fits the rhythm pattern of the original song 4 marks

Lyrics share the environmental theme presented in the original song 10 marks

Quality of lyrics 8 marks

#### **Lyrics (without chorus of original song)**

##### **Shade of our trees**

We live off the breath of the sea  
We live in the shade of our trees  
We live with love in our voices  
And wisdom we cannot yet see

The heart of compassion  
Beats in the infinite sea  
We move to rhythms from long ago  
In the shade of our trees

We all need trees in our future  
To help us listen to our past  
Never rush when you visit your ancestors  
Sometimes slow is fast

Trees stand watching in silence  
I wonder what they've seen?  
All the good and bad things we've done  
In the shade of our trees