

Retrieve

1. Who is the sound collector? _____

2. Where did he put all the sounds?

3. What time of day did the sound collector call?

4. What colours was the sound collector wearing?

5. What was making a crunching noise?

Vocabulary "Crunch" is an example of onomatopoeia. Can you find any other words in the poem that sound the same as their meaning? _____

The Sound Collector

A stranger called this morning
Dressed all in black and grey
Put every sound into a bag
And carried them away.

The whistling of the kettle
The turning of the lock
The purring of the kitten
The ticking of the clock.

The popping of the toaster
The crunching of the flakes
When you spread the marmalade
The scraping noise it makes.

The hissing of the frying pan
The ticking of the grill
The bubbling of the bathtub
As it starts to fill.

The drumming of the raindrops
On the windowpane
When you do the washing-up
The gurgle of the drain.

The crying of the baby
The squeaking of the chair
The swishing of the curtain
The creaking of the stair.

A stranger called this morning
He didn't leave his name
Left us only silence
Life will never be the same.

Roger McGough

Infer

7. Why do you think the sound collector was wearing black and grey?

8. What sounds would you miss most if they were taken away? _____

9. What sound would you love to be stolen? _____

Why does the poet say, "Life will never be the same?"
