**One Flesh – Questions**

1) How is the situation of the writer’s parents presented in the first stanza?

2) What do you understand by the lines “She like a girl dreaming of childhood, /All men elsewhere”?

3) Identify the two similes in the second stanza, what do they mean?

4) What three words have a slightly religious flavor in stanza two?

5) Explain the meaning of the simile in the last stanza.

6) Explain the meaning of the metaphor in line 14 of the last stanza

7) What is meant by 'fire'?

8) Explain the importance of the rhetorical question in the last two lines of the poem.

9) The ‘s’ sound is repeated frequently in stanza 3. What is the effect of this ‘s’ sibilance here?

10) What would be the justification of having a steady rhyme scheme throughout the poem? How does rhyming emphasize meaning?