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AP Literature

POD Response 2

I Wandered Lonely As A Cloud

I Wandered Lonely As A Cloud by William Wordsworth talks about a person who compares himself to a cloud that wanders around sadly and finds a lake with a vast amount of daffodils. They give him a sense of joy and persuade him to think that everything else does not compare to the gorgeous, dancing, daffodils. At that moment, the speaker did not pay too much attention to the impact that the daffodil field had left. Later when lying on the couch, the moment in the field of flowers flashes behind the speaker's eyes, and that is when he/she feels a sense of pleasure.

Analyzing this poem in more depth figuratively starting from the very beginning, the speaker is indeed doing what is stated: roaming around, in a sad manner, like a cloud in the sky across the valley and hills. Later he/she happens to stumble upon a lake with a field of daffodils that are swaying as if they were dancing in the breeze. The speaker takes note that the flowers are beside a lake and underneath a tree.

The daffodils are compared to the milky way because of how endless it is, stretching out far into the horizon infinitely. The never-ending amount of daffodils is lined up along the edges of the bay and at first glance, the speaker can see ten thousand of them as they continue to sway and move in the breeze.

There is a comparison between the flowers and the waves in the lake, but the speaker thinks that the daffodils far outshine the waves in the lake. It is stated that a poet could not help

but be happy when being in the company of these flowers because they emanate a good feeling. The speaker stared at the flowers for a long time, but paid little attention to how much this scene would impact him later on. When the speaker is alone and deep in thought, the moment where the daffodils danced will flash in the speaker's mind, making him/her reminisce the moment and feel blissful.

After literally and figuratively analyzing *I Wandered Lonely As A Cloud*, I find the theme to be that sometimes we don't entirely appreciate the happiness that is occurring at the moment, but later on when we remember the memory, it holds a deeper meaning of happiness than it did when it was taking place. Not everything is truly appreciated when it happens. However, after you have time to think about it in greater depth, everything begins to unravel with a greater sense of understanding.

The structure of this poem contains a constant rhyme scheme of ABABCC for all four stanzas. Rhyming is a great aid in helping a poem flow and sound continuous. By reapplying this same rhyme scheme consistently throughout the poem, William Wordsworth gave it the flow that it has when one reads it aloud or silently. There is also a constant use of personification to describe the daffodils as dancing. By doing so, it added imagery to the daffodils as the mention of them dancing is constantly reinforced in each stanza.