**TEXT 2: "A Dream" by Edgar Allan Poe**

In visions of the dark night

I have dreamed of joy departed—

But a waking dream of life and light

Hath left me broken-hearted.

5 Ah! what is not a dream by day

To him whose eyes are cast

On things around him with a ray\*

Turned back upon the past?

That holy dream—that holy dream,

10 While all the world were chiding\*,

Hath cheered me as a lovely beam\*

A lonely spirit guiding.

What though that light, through storm and night,

So trembled from afar—

15 What could there be more purely bright

In Truth's day-star\*?

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| chiding (10): scolding; chastising; rebuking | beam (11): as in a sun beam | "day-star" (16): the sun |

1. What is the "waking dream of life and light" the speaker discusses in line 3?

2. The speaker claims to be "broken-hearted" (4). What might have happened to him?

3. The second stanza is a rhetorical question. The speaker, more or less, asks, "Aren't all things that happen in the present just a dream to someone who lives in the past?" Why is the speaker consumed with the past?

4. What does the repetition of line 9 emphasis? Why is the dream "holy"?

5. What is "that light" that the speaker references in the final stanza? Why is it far away? Why is it brighter than the sun?

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