Do Not Go Gentle Into that Good Night

By Dylan Thomas

Do not go gentle into that good night,  
Old age should burn and rave at close of day;  
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.  
  
Though wise men at their end know dark is right,  
Because their words had forked no lightning they  
Do not go gentle into that good night.  
  
Good men, the last wave by, crying how bright  
Their frail deeds might have danced in a green bay,  
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.  
  
Wild men who caught and sang the sun in flight,  
And learn, too late, they grieved it on its way,  
Do not go gentle into that good night.  
  
Grave men, near death, who see with blinding sight  
Blind eyes could blaze like meteors and be gay,   
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.  
  
And you, my father, there on the sad height,  
Curse, bless, me now with your fierce tears, I pray.  
Do not go gentle into that good night.  
Rage, rage against the dying of the light.

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1. What kind of men have “caught and sang the sun in flight”?

a. good men

b. grave men

c. wild men

d. wise men

2. What kind of men cries because their deeds are frail?

a. wise men

b. grave men

c. good men

d. wild men

3. Which of the following is not used to refer to death in the poem?

a. close of day

b. forked lightning

c. dying of the light

d. good night

4. What should old age do, according to the speaker?

a. bless and cry

b. burn and rave

c. curse and blaze

d. blaze and burn

5. What type of men does the speaker say know that “dark is right”?

a. wild men

b. grave men

c. good men

d. wise men

6. What does the speaker want to hear?

a. a prayer

b. a sigh

c. a scream

d. a curse

7. Whose eyes could “blaze like meteors” even though they are near death?

a. wise men

b. grave men

c. wild men

d. good men

8. Whom is the speaker of the poem addressing?

a. his father

b. his friend

c. his brother

d. his mother

Answer the following in complete sentences:

9. Explain why “good men” are reluctant to die.

10. Explain why “wild” men grieve.

11. Explain what “wise” men realize before they die.

12. Explain what “grave” men realize before they die.

13. Describe the speaker’s attitude towards death in the poem. Cite details (at least two) from the poem in your description.