

Use this poem to answer the next three questions.

Eldorado

by Edgar Allan Poe

1. Gaily bedight,
A gallant knight,
In sunshine and in shadow,
Had journeyed long,
5. Singing a song,
In search of Eldorado.

But he grew old—
This knight so bold—
And o'er his heart a shadow
10. Fell as he found
No spot of ground
That looked like Eldorado.

- And, as his strength
Failed him at length,
15. He met a pilgrim shadow—
"Shadow," said he,
"Where can it be—
This land of Eldorado?"

- "Over the Mountains
20. Of the Moon,
Down the Valley of the Shadow,
Ride, boldly ride,"
The shade replied—
"If you seek for Eldorado!"



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1. What conflict is the knight dealing with in the poem?

- A** He has been led astray by a stranger.
B He has become too tired to continue on the trail.
C He cannot find the mythical place known as Eldorado.
D He has promised to return with gold, but has not found any.

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2. Read line 9 of the poem.

“And o'er his heart a shadow”

What does the shadow *most* likely symbolize?

- A** disappointment
- B** confidence
- C** fear
- D** anger

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3. The mythical place known as “Eldorado” is a metaphor for —

- A** rebirth.
- B** freedom of religion.
- C** the loss of innocence.
- D** an unattainable dream.