

The Listeners

'Is there anybody there?' said the Traveller,
Knocking on the moonlit door;
And his horse in the silence champed the grasses
Of the forest's ferny floor:
And a bird flew up out of the turret,
Above the Traveller's head:
And he smote upon the door again a second time;
'Is there anybody there?' he said.
But no one descended to the Traveller;
No head from the leaf-fringed sill
Leaned over and looked into his grey eyes,
Where he stood perplexed and still.

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1. Which **two** things are true about the Traveller? Tick **two**.

He knocked on the door twice.

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He leaned over from the sill.

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He has grey eyes.

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He descended from the turret.

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2. What do you think the word 'champed' means?



3. **Find** and **copy** an example of alliteration from the verse.



4. ...he stood perplexed and still.

Explain what this description suggests about the Traveller.
