

creed Belief, particularly religious belief.

And much it grieved my heart to think
What man has made of man.
Through primrose-tufts, in that sweet bower,
The periwinkle trailed its wreathes;
And 'tis my faith that every flower
Enjoys the air it breathes.
The birds around me hopped and played:
Their thoughts I cannot measure,
But the least motion which they made,
It seemed a thrill of pleasure.
The budding twigs spread out their fan,
To catch the breezy air;
And I think, do all I can,
That there was pleasure there.
If I these thoughts may not prevent,
If such be of my creed the plan,
Have I not reason to lament
What man has made of man?

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▲ APPROACHING POETRY

- 'Lines Written in Early Spring' is a famous poem by the British poet, William Wordsworth. It was first published in 1798 and explores the speaker's thoughts on nature and their surroundings before focusing on darker thoughts about humanity.
- Re-read the poem carefully, then answer the following questions.
- 1 What do you think of the poem?
 - 2 Which words or phrases do you particularly like?
 - 3 Why are these words or phrases effective?
 - 4 Where is the poem set?
 - 5 Who is the narrator and what are they like?
 - 6 What themes does the poem explore?
 - 7 Write three Point-Evidence-Explain paragraphs exploring the ways in which the poet presents nature.

ACTIVITY 1

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SKILLS

CRITICAL THINKING, ANALYSIS,
INTERPRETATION