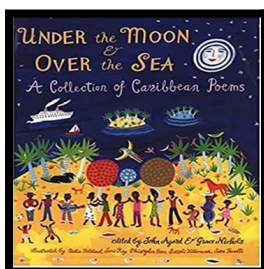


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Using Key Text Features	
Themes What big questions does the text explore? How are identities reflected?	
Identity How does the child protagonist evolve?	
Orality & Language How does the text sound and/or use sound to tell the story?	
History What facts does the text expand on or address?	
The Natural Environment as Setting How does the context of place and time deepen meaning?	
Artifacts What objects/tools connect readers to the characters and their stories?	



Listening For Answers

Why do birds fly?

Why is the sky blue?

Why do cats purr? And why is the truth true?

Why all these questions? Why such a task?

I want the answers

But who do I ask?

My mother, my father

My sisters don't know. They can't find answers

They've searched high and low.

So I guess I'll just sit here

And rattle my brain

And hope all the answers

Fall down with the rain.

by Aimee Harris-Watmore from
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