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Poetry: “Money”

**Directions: Read and paraphrase the poem. To paraphrase, do not just summarize (shorten) the words. Instead, each line out in your own words. As you read, think about the comparison the poet is making. Then, answer the questions on the back.**

Money

by Poetri

Paraphrase stanzas 1 & 2:

My money has been acting funny lately

All I ever did was love her!

Maybe too much!

‘cause now it’s like we ain’t cool no more

I got more than a hunch she’s playing me

Trying to make me jealous,

Hanging out with other fellas

Always in some other brother’s pocket!

I try and tell her those other guys

Paraphrase stanzas 3 & 4:

Are just using her!

“They just using you money!!!”

She don’t wanna hear me

She won’t even return my phone calls!

She doesn’t even stop by the crib like she used to

She won’t go to the movies with me

She won’t even go get nothing to eat!

And you know a brother can’t eat…without money!

There’s only so much bread and water I can take,

Call me spoiled, I remember the days

When people used to see us at the hottest clubs

The expensive restaurants,

All the high priced stores

I made sure I looked good with money!

I treated you right! I never abused you!

Did I? Money, did I abuse you?

Paraphrase stanzas 5-8:

Did I get used to you hanging around and

Now you’ve giving me a taste of what it

Feels like to live without you?

People still think we’re tight

They still ask about you.

Ever since Money hasn’t been around

I feel like I’m losing my other friends too

American Express, Visa, Discover,

Now they’re starting to act shady!

I think she’s spreading lies on me!

I tell you

I don’t know what I did

But my money’s been acting funny lately

And I don’t know her anymore

And my life ain’t the same

Never will be the same

Until Money comes back into my life

So if you see her or any of her cousins

Let her know that I miss her

I love her, and I want her to come home.

1. What is the main subject of this poem? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
2. To what is the author comparing the main subject? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
3. Why would the author make this comparison (also called PERSONIFICATION) ? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_
4. What is the author’s attitude toward the main subject? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_