

d How does the repetition in 'for fear of her fear' add to the emotion of the scene?

e Explain how the oxymoron 'fierce tenderness' explores the feelings of the father.

f How does the alliteration in the father's feelings that 'crave to crush her' give an insight into his inner emotions?

g How does the repetition of sound in 'wholly holy love' explain the father's true feelings?

h The simile 'his heart is like a grasshopper' is the poet's imaginative way of explaining what he sees and understands. What is the poet saying about the father by using this simile here and in the title 'The Grasshopper Heart'?

i What is the main theme or idea in this poem? Explain.

j Do you think that the poet has expressed the theme effectively? Give reasons for your answer.

k What type of poem would you call 'The Grasshopper Heart'?

- 2** Choose an experience, a feeling or an idea that is important to you. Use some of the figurative language techniques described in this unit to craft your own poem. Begin by jotting down images, ideas, observations, experiences and insights. Then experiment with sounds, word patterns and poetic forms to communicate your ideas. As you begin to shape your poem, give yourself time to reflect on the images and ideas.