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## Love and Friendship

By Emily Brontë  
1790

*Emily Brontë (1818-1848) was an English poet and novelist. While growing up, Brontë spent much of her time creating stories with her siblings, two of whom were also famous authors. Brontë was known for her solitary nature, and so it is interesting to consider her perspective on love and friendship. As you read, take notes on the poet's use of symbolism and figurative language.*

- [1] Love is like the wild rose-briar,  
Friendship like the holly-tree  
The holly is dark when the rose-briar blooms  
But which will bloom most constantly?
- [5] The wild rose-briar is sweet in spring,  
Its summer blossoms scent the air;  
Yet wait till winter comes again  
And who will call the wild-briar fair?  
Then scorn the silly rose-wreath now  
That when December blights thy brow  
He may still leave thy garland green.



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## Text-Dependent Questions

*Directions: For the following questions, choose the best answer or respond in complete sentences.*

1. According to the poem, what does the wild rose-briar symbolize? [RL.3]

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2. According to the poem, what does the holly-tree symbolize? [RL.3]

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3. How does the wild rose-briar differ from the holly-tree? Cite evidence in your answer. [RL.3]

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4. Does the rose-briar or the holly-tree bloom more constantly? Cite evidence to support your answer. [RL.1]

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