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## Poetic Words: Discover the Meaning

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*by Percy Bysshe Shelley*

O, wild West Wind, thou breath of Autumn's being,  
Thou, from whose unseen presence the leaves dead  
Are driven, like ghosts from an enchanter fleeing,  
Yellow, and black, and pale, and hectic red,

Pestilence-stricken multitudes: O, thou,  
Who chariotest to their dark wintry bed

The winged seeds, where they lie cold and low,  
Each like a corpse within its grave, until  
Thine azure sister of the spring shall blow

Her clarion o'er the dreaming earth, and fill  
(Driving sweet buds like flocks to feed in air)  
With living hues and odours plain and hill:

Wild Spirit, which art moving every where;  
Destroyer and preserver; hear, O, hear!

Circle the letter of the word that most closely matches the word from the passage.

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|---------------|----------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1. enchanter  | A. singer      | B. magician      | C. driving            | D. ocean         |
| 2. fleeing    | A. running     | B. pretty        | C. softly             | D. distance land |
| 3. pestilence | A. guilty      | B. proudly       | C. dancing            | D. disease       |
| 4. multitudes | A. many people | B. rainbows      | C. paintings          | D. draft horses  |
| 5. chariotest | A. carefully   | B. warm          | C. rides in a chariot | D. disagrees     |
| 6. azure      | A. crumbles    | B. blue sky      | C. softly             | D. average       |
| 7. clarion    | A. wisely      | B. bright yellow | C. trumpet            | D. sleeps        |
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