

“The Cremation of Sam McGee” Questions

1. What is the setting of the poem? How does the setting negatively affect Sam and Cap?
2. What kind of person is Cap? Use details from the poem to support your view of the character.
3. What line supports the notion that Sam was hallucinating with fever?
4. What lines reveal that the speaker regretted promising to Sam that he would cremate him? Why do you think he felt this way?
5. Do you agree with the speaker that “a promise made is a debt unpaid”? Why or why not?