

“The Cremation of Sam McGee” Vocabulary

Boiler- A large container in which water is heated to produce steam in an engine.
Brawn- Firm, strong muscles.
Chum- A very close friend.
Cremation- To burn (as a dead body) to ashes.
Derelict- Abandoned especially by the owner or occupant.
Ghastly- Very shocking or horrible.
Heed- To pay careful attention; take notice.
Loathe- To dislike greatly and often with disgust or intolerance.
Marge- Margin.
Moil- To work hard.
Parka- A very warm jacket with a hood.
Queer- Strange or odd from a conventional viewpoint.
Rave- To talk wildly or senselessly as from rage, delirium or insanity.
Scowl- A facial expression of displeasure: frown.
Tale- A narrative that relates the details of some real or imaginary event, incident, or case; story.
Trice- A very short time; an instant.

Summarize what happens in the poem

Dawson Trail – The path that ran along the Yukon River from the town of Whitehorse to the gold fields around Dawson City.

Lake Lebarge – A widening of the Yukon River north of Whitehorse, Yukon in Canada.

Northern Lights – Broad bands of light that have a magnetic and electrical source and that appear in the sky at night especially in the arctic regions.

Tennessee – State in the southeast region of the United States.