

Environmental Friends

KS4

Thursday - English

Answer this exam style question on unseen poetry.

How are ideas about the future presented in 'It's Poisoning Down'?
(24 marks)

It's Poisoning Down – by Brian Patten

Granny keeps telling stories
Of how she used to go
Walking in the pouring rain
And playing in the snow.
She talks of things called flowers
She says they had nice smells.
(Sometimes she sounds convincing,
The crazy fibs she tells!)
She says that lakes and rivers
Were once all clean and pure,
But I don't believe a word,
I've heard it all before.
Poor Gran can be quite dotty –
You want to see Mum frown
When she tries to get outside
Even though it's poisoning down.

We've had to fit 'Granny locks'
To keep poor Granny in.
She really doesn't understand
How rain eats away the skin.