

ee cummings  
I thank you God for this most amazing  
More challenging questions!

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1. "i thank You God for most this amazing  
day:for the leaping greenly spirits of trees  
and a blue true dream of sky;and for everything  
which is natural which is infinite which is yes"
  - How does the use of upper and lower-case words in "i thank You God" enhance the poet's purpose in this poem? (4)
  - Why does the poet refer to "the leaping greenly spirits of trees" in a vague sense instead of giving the spirits a name, e.g. elves? (4)
  - Why would the spirits be "greenly" and not "green"? (4)
  - Why should the "dream of sky" be "blue true"? (4)
  
2. "(i who have died am alive again today,  
and this is the sun's birthday;this is the birth  
day of life and of love and wings:and of the gay  
great happening illimitably earth)"
  - Comment on the words, "i who have died am alive again today". (6)
  - In what way was it true for the poet that this was "the birth day of life and of love and wings"? (4)
  - Comment on the "great happening illimitably earth". (4)
  
3. "how should tasting touching hearing seeing  
breathing any -- lifted from the no  
of all nothing -- human merely being  
doubt unimaginable You?"
  - What does the poet mean by "lifted from the no of all nothing"? (4)
  - Comment on the words, "any human merely being doubt unimaginable You". (4)
  
4. "(now the ears of my ears awake and  
now the eyes of my eyes are opened)"
  - What does the poet mean when he says "the ears of my ears" and "the eyes of my eyes"? (4)

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