

Sylvia Plath  
Mushrooms  
More challenging questions

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1. *"We are shelves, we are  
Tables, we are meek,  
We are edible,*

*Nudgers and shovers,  
In spite of ourselves.  
Our kind multiplies:*

*We shall by morning  
Inherit the earth.  
Our foot's in the door."*

- Comment on the concept "*we are meek*" and "*We shall by morning inherit the earth*". (4)
- Why would the poet make reference to "*shelves*" and "*tables*"? (4)
- Why are the mushrooms referred to as nudgers and shovers "*in spite of ourselves*"? (2)
- What is the significance of the conclusion, "*Our foot's in the door*"? (4)

GENERAL QUESTIONS:

2. Do you think that this poem paints a good picture of mushrooms? (4)
3. Explain why the poet has used many short verses. (4)

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