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Sunstrike  
Easier questions to cut your teeth on!

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1. "A solitary prospector  
staggered, locked in a vision  
of slate hills that capered  
on the molten horizon."
  - Why is the horizon said to be "molten"? What do you call that appearance? (4)
  - Why does the vision of slate hills "caper"? (2)
  - What word tells you that the prospector was tired to the point of collapse? Indeed, why is he tired? (4)
  - Is the prospector already beginning to imagine things? How do you know? (4)
  
2. "Waterless, he came to where  
a river had run, now a band  
flowing only in ripples  
of white unquenchable sand."
  - What indications are there that water had once flowed in the river? (4)
  - Why is the sand said to be "unquenchable"? (2)
  
3. "Cursing, he dug sporadically  
here, here, as deep as his arm,  
and sat quite still, eyes thirstily  
incredulous on his palm."
  - Why is the prospector cursing? (4)
  - Why are the prospector's eyes said to be "thirstily incredulous"? (4)
  
4. "And then he was swimming in fire  
and drinking, splashing hot halos  
of glittering drops at the choir  
of assembled carrion crows."
  - What is happening to the man in this stanza? (4)
  - Why do you think the "carrion crows" are assembled? (2)

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