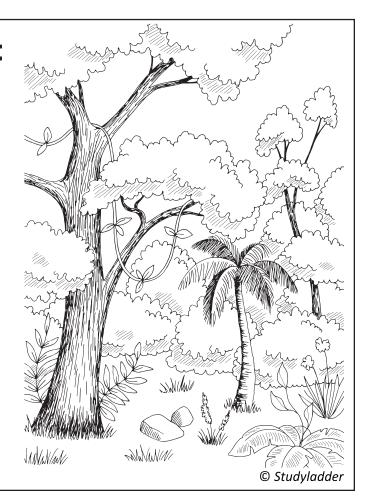
## **Symphony of the Forest**

The air is thick,
A velvet weight pressing down,
Laden with the scent of wet earth and life.
Leaves, broad and glistening,
Catch the light in fleeting flashes,
Dancing to the rhythm of a distant thunder.

Hidden wonders, shy and small
Scuttle and weave through mossy crevices,
Their lives a secret hum beneath the canopy.
The forest thrums with layered sound,
A symphony of rustling leaves and chirping cries
Woven into the shadows of ancient roots.

Twisted vines spiral upward, Reaching for the unseen sun, Where light fractures into golden beams. Towering giants pierce the canopy, Their crowns weaving an emerald lattice, Guardians of a realm pulsing with life.



## **Harmony and Interdependence:**

All elements, large or small, are equally important to the ecosystem of the rainforest. The poet contrasts the smallest and the largest living things using powerful descriptions.

- What words does the poet use to describe the smallest living things in the forest?
- What words are used to describe the largest living things?

## Elements in the rainforest are interconnected.

How do the different elements of the rainforest (light, plants, animals, roots) depend on one another?

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- What is a symphony?
- How does the poet use the metaphor of a "symphony" to represent the rainforest's ecosystem?



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