**Hunger**

I come among the peoples like a shadow. *Line 1*
I sit down by each man's side.
None sees me, but they look on one another,
And know that I am there.
My silence is like the silence of the tide 5
That buries the playground of children;
Like the deepening of frost in the slow night,
When birds are dead in the morning.
Armies trample, invade, destroy,
With guns roaring from earth and air. 10
I am more terrible than armies,
I am more feared than the cannon.
Kings and chancellors give commands;
I give no command to any;
But I am listened to more than kings 15
And more than passionate orators.
I unswear words, and undo deeds.
Naked things know me.
I am first and last to be felt of the living.
I am Hunger 20

1. *Explain the simile in Line 1.*
2. *Explain what is meant by lines 5 and 6.*
3. *In what ways is hunger like “the deepening of frost in the slow night”?*
4. *Explain how hunger is “more terrible than armies”.*
5. *Explain why hunger is listened to more than world leaders.*
6. *What is the poem saying about Hunger?*