**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?*