

# Time Travel

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Timetravel: you probably think  
it's a lot of fun, but it isn't.  
In fact, to be frank and fair,  
It can be a little bit scary.  
It's getting worse,  
The fear; it's getting worse,  
Year on year.  
Time was, when I was young,  
Wide eyed  
And impressed, the fear  
Didn't frighten me  
Much at all.  
Looking back, I remember  
The thrill of disintegration  
As I slipped through the decades  
Like dust  
Falling through light.  
Looking back,  
I remember the pleasure  
Of free falling, parachuteless,  
As the world swirled above me  
Before sliding out of sight.  
Looking back, I remember  
The unalloyed joy  
Of limbo, the minute space  
Between time's passing juggernauts,  
And the smile drawn across my face.  
Time has passed since  
The excitement of those early days;  
A lot of water's flowed under this particular bridge  
And things have changed:  
The unshatterable certainty of safe return  
Doesn't come so freely anymore,  
And more often than not  
I feel alarm at the sudden shift  
In gravity and the cosmic hand  
Placed upon my back  
Pushing me through the letterbox  
Between daylight and darkness.

In the future I hope to find  
 My freedom again, to get my mojo back;  
 You may think that's an odd thing  
 For a time traveller to say?  
 Surely, the future is here today,  
 If I want it to be?  
 Well, time travel doesn't work like that,  
 It's far more complicated than you think,  
 And currently  
 The only guide I have to follow is me.

**Task 1**

	I've never heard this word before	I've heard this word before and think I know what it means	I know what this word means and can use it confidently
impressed			
disintegration			
decades			
swirled			
limbo			
shift			

**Task:**  
 Green column words: Write another sentence using that word.  
 Red column words: Copy the sentence from the text and annotate what is happening in the sentence and what gives you clues to what the word might mean.  
 Orange column words: Have a go at writing it in a sentence, if you can't think of a sentence to use the word properly, do the same as the red column word.

## Task 2



**R:**

1. What is the name of the poet? (1)
2. What is the poet talking about in the poem? (1)



**I:**

3. Do you think the poet has time travelled before? Find evidence to support your view. (2 marks)
4. Do you think the poet enjoys times travel now? Find evidence to support your view. (2 marks)
5. *'In the future I hope to find..'* Why do you think the poet says things that is an odd thing for a time traveller to say? (2 marks)



**C:**

6. What do you think the poet finished the poem with the sentence, *'the only guide I have to follow is me'*? What do you think this mean? (2 marks)
7. Do you think the poet will continue to time travel in the future? Use evidence from the poem to justify your view. (3 marks)