Read the following excerpt and answer the questions that follow.

1. I see him there
   Bringing a stone grasped firmly by the top
   In each hand, like an old-stone savage armed.
   (a) Who speaks these lines?
   (b) Who is referred to as 'old stone savage'?
   (c) Comment on the last line of this stanza.

2. Read the following poem.

   A Poison Tree

   William Blake

   I was angry with my friend:
   I told my wrath, my wrath did end.
   I was angry with my foe:
   I told it not, my wrath did grow.

   And I waterd it in fears
   Night and morning with my tears;
   And I sunned it with smiles,
   And with soft deceitful wiles.

   And it grew both day and night,
   Till it bore an apple bright.
   And my foe beheld it shine,
   And he knew that it was mine,

   And into my garden stole,
   When the night had veiled the pole;
   In the morning glad I see
   My foe outstretched beneath the tree.

   (Hints: wrath = anger; foe = enemy; deceitful = misleading; wile = cunning methods)

Now, compare the poem with 'Mending Wall' by Robert Frost.

   (Hints: theme, message, poetic devices, etc.)

3. Give a suitable title to the poem and prepare an appreciation of the given poem.

   Someone has gone and left the swing
   Still swinging, slowly
   Slower, slow, and now
   It stops, and someone else
   Is coming

   Someone has gone and left the chair
   Still rocking, slowly
   Slower, slow, and now
   It stops, and there is silence
   In the room

   John Mole