**Directions**: Read the poem. Then answer the questions on the next page to demonstrate that you understand the poem.

## Waking at Night

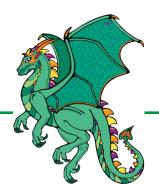
Dragons bloom
they sketch themselves
from the quilted lines of my bedcover.
They weave icy scales and orange fire
into the air I breathe.

Where do they come from these visitors who wake me from my dreams with their chilling roars and then evaporate when I open my eyes?

Are they the shadows of trees outside my window making patterns of streetlight on my bedroom wall?

Are they the remnants of dreams not content to sink back into my subconscious?

Or the whisper of something bothering me that I can't get off my mind?



Name	Read and Comprehend Literatu
1. Why does the speaker in the po	pem wake up?
2. The speaker suggests three exp	planations for the dragons. What are they?
3. What is the tone of the poem?	

