

"There Will Come Soft Rains" by Ray Bradbury

Name:

Directions: Read and annotate the poem for the following:

1. Write the "gist" of what the stanza means on the LEFT side of the poem.
2. Highlight figurative language and label its TYPE on the RIGHT (metaphor, simile, personification).

"There will come Soft Rain"

Sara Teasdale (1884-1933)

THERE will come soft rain and the smell of the ground,
And swallows circling with their shimmering sound;

And frogs in the pools singing at night,
And wild plum-trees in tremulous white;

Robins will wear their feathery fire
Whistling their whims on a low fence-wire.

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And not one will know of the war, not one
Will care at last when it is done.

Not one would mind, neither bird nor tree,
If mankind perished utterly.

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And Spring herself when she woke at dawn,

Would scarcely know that we were gone.

3. What type of IMAGERY is used in this poem? What senses does it appeal to? Provide text evidence with your answer.
4. WHY was the poem chosen by the author to be included in the story? Go beyond the obvious connection of the title. Explain your answer.