

The Nightingale and the Rose – Activities

1. The nightingale asks three rose-trees to give her a red rose. What are the responses of the three trees? Complete the grid.

	responses
1 st tree	
2 nd tree	
3 rd tree	

2. Each tree describes its roses with two similes. List the similes used by each tree.

	similes
1 st tree	
2 nd tree	
3 rd tree	

3. How does the nightingale describe love?

	descriptions of love
wings	
body	
lips	
breath	

4. Complete the grid to show the themes of the Nightingale's song and the phases of the growth of the red rose.

theme of song	phase of growth of the rose

5. Describe the various reactions to the Nightingale's "one last burst of music".

	reactions
the white moon	
the red rose	
echo	

6. Which adjectives would be appropriate for the Student, the Professor's daughter and the Nightingale? Fill in the table below.

*frivolous – serious – sincere – insincere – shallow – profound –
sensitive – insensitive – romantic – realistic – superficial –
selfless – snobbish – intellectual – sentimental*

Student	Professor's Daughter	Nightingale