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“The Spell of the Yukon” by Robert Service

Structure of the poem:

1. _____ How many stanzas are in the poem?
2. _____ How many lines are in each stanza?
3. Yes or No Does the poem have a refrain? (circle one)

Go to **stanza one** and answer the following questions –

4. _____ How many lines are run-ons?
5. _____ How many lines are end-stopped?

Go to **stanza five** and answer the following questions –

6. _____ How many lines are run-ons?
7. _____ How many lines are end-stopped?

8. Why are lines indented in this poem? _____

Figurative Language Devices:

9. What device is used in the following line? *“There’s a land – oh, it beckons and beckons,”*

10. What device is used in the following line? *“Was it famine or scurvy – I fought it;”*

11. What device is used in the following line? *“You hate it like hell for a season,”*

Content / meaning of the poem: *Compose complete sentence responses for the following*

12. In stanza 2, the underlined word “cussedest” word is considered slang or it is a word that is not considered standard English. What do you think the word means?

13. In stanza 3, the poet uses the pronoun “it” several times? What do you think he is referring to; what does “it” stand for?
