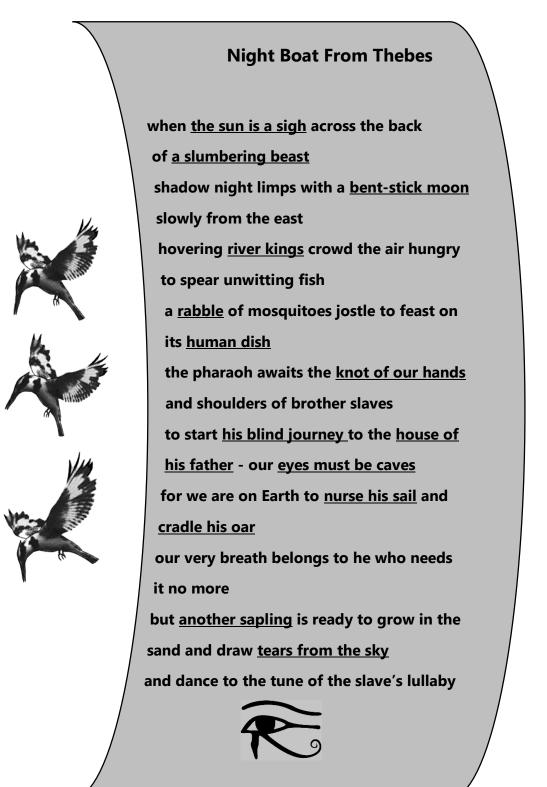
## MAD ABOUT METAPHORS

Here is a poem packed full of metaphors, in which one object, action or event is compared to another without the use of the words 'like' or 'as'.



Now underline the metaphors, then answer the questions on the next page.

1. Who is the narrator?

The slave.

2. What time of day is it when the narrator is speaking?

Sunset.

3. What is the **slumbering beast**?

<u>The Earth.</u>

4. A crescent moon is in the sky. How do you know?

It is described as a 'bent-stick' moon.

5. What are the **hovering river kings**?

Kingfishers.

6. The words **rabble** and **jostle** are used to describe the mosquitoes. Why are these words appropriate?

There are a lot of them competing to bite the human beings present.

7. Although slaves play an important part, they are not permitted to watch. How do you know?

The narrator says: "Our eyes must be caves."

8. What two words tell us the slaves' work must be done as silently and respectfully as possible?

nurse <u>cradle</u>

9. Who or what is **another sapling** ... ready to grow in the sand?

The next in line to the throne.

10. What are **tears from the sky**?

<u>Rain</u>