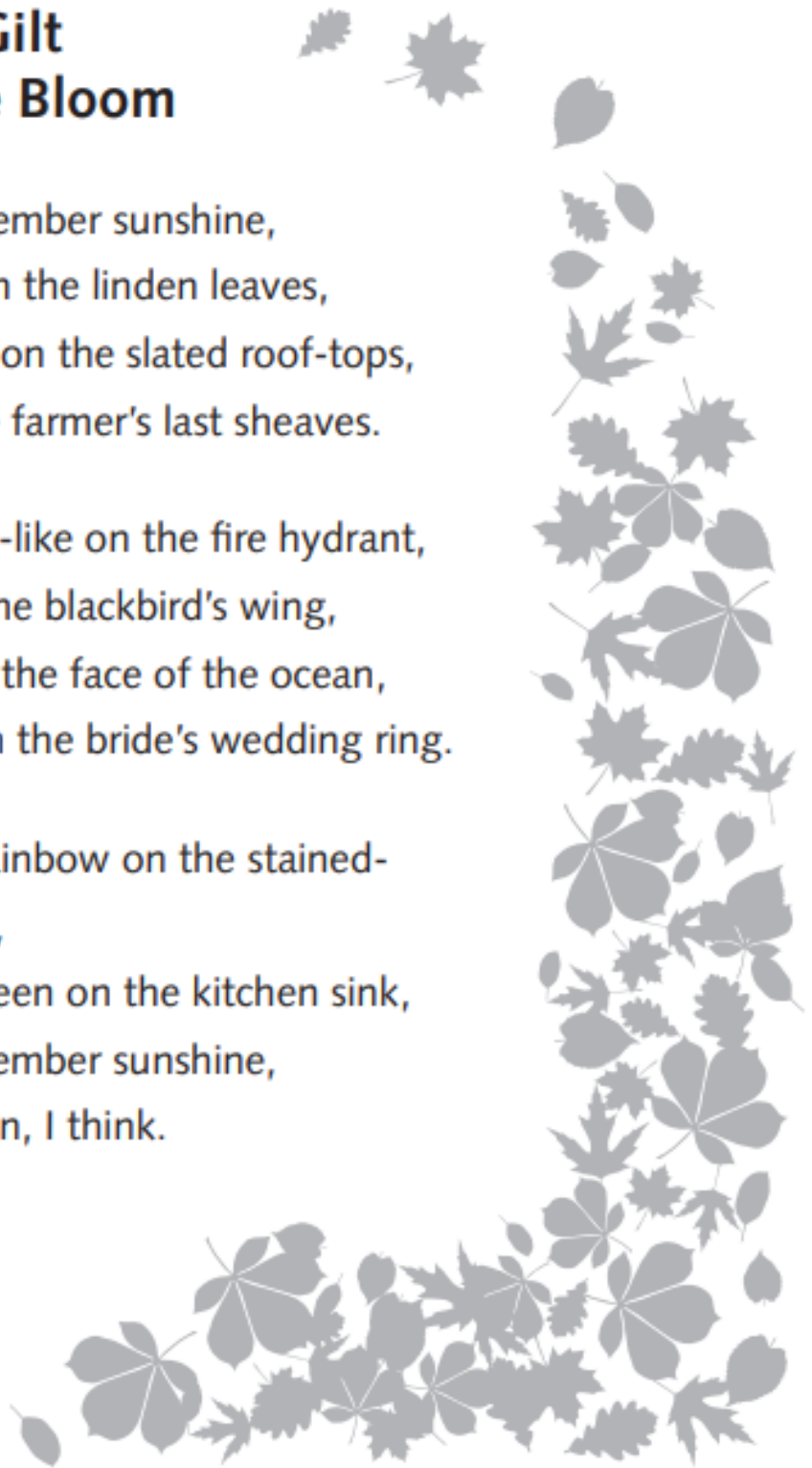


## Autumn Gilt by Valerie Bloom

The late September sunshine,  
Lime green on the linden leaves,  
Burns bronze on the slated roof-tops,  
Yellow on the farmer's last sheaves.

It flares flame-like on the fire hydrant,  
Is ebony on the blackbird's wing,  
Blue beryl on the face of the ocean,  
Glints gold on the bride's wedding ring.

A sparkling rainbow on the stained-  
glass window,  
It's a silver sheen on the kitchen sink,  
The late September sunshine,  
Is a chameleon, I think.



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Read the text, then answer the questions.

1. In the first verse, what colours do the sunshine create?

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2. Find and copy **one** word from verse 1 that tells us that the sunshine is hot.

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3. Why do you think the poet describes the sunshine as "*flame-like on the fire hydrant*"?

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4. Why do you think the poet linked "ebony" with "the blackbird's wing"?

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5. Draw lines to match the colours and the items that the poet links as being similar in the poem.

Silver

A ring

Gold

A window

Yellow

The kitchen sink

Rainbow

The farmer's corn

6. Why does the poet think the late September sunshine is a chameleon?

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7. Think about the whole poem. Suggest a different title that the poet could have used.

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