

Matthew Arnold, "Dover Beach," p. 1153

1. Who seems to be the "speaker" in this poem?

What characteristics of the speaker are revealed in the poem? (Look at word choice, at the subject matter)

2. Whom is the speaker addressing in the poem?
3. Describe the "setting" of the poem.
4. Of what does the sound of the waves approaching and receding on the pebbles remind the speaker?
5. To what does the speaker compare "faith"?
6. Which word would best describe this poem: happy, sad, bitter, melancholy?

Why?