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SPINNER

*Secret and swift,
Light and small,
The Spinner rakes my garden
Wall to wall,
For shadowed caves between the stones
And leafy holes within the hedge,
A guttering tunnel, dark and damp,
An empty pot on a window ledge.
Each greyish, brownish, blackish place
Is laced with threads too fine to see
'I have my secrets,' Spinner says
And waits, expectantly.*

*Cold dark comes,
Frost lies white,
Thickens over my garden
Until the night
Thins
And day begins.*

*Suddenly under the primrose sun
Spinner's secrets known.
Every webbed and shadowed place,
Beautiful with diamond lace
Is shown.*

Gwen Dunn

2.

What creature is this poem about?

1 mark

2. Look at verse 1.

What sorts of places does the *Spinner* look for?

2 mark

3. Look at verse 2.

What **two** changes take place that give the *Spinner's* secrets away?

1. _____

2. _____

2 marks

4. The last line of the poem is: *Is shown*.

What would you see if you were there?

2 marks

5 Find five words to do with *darkness* in the first verse of the poem.

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

2 marks

6. ...beautiful with **diamond** lace. (verse 3)

What does the word **diamond** tell you about the webs?

2 marks

7. The second verse of the poem is different from the first and third verses.

Write down **one** main way in which it is different.

1 mark

8. What are the main contrasts the poet makes in the first and third parts of the poem?

3 marks