

QUIZ

HUNTERS, A POEM BY LOUISE GLÜCK

Complete the lines from the poem.

A dark night--the streets belong to the cats.
The cats and 1. _____ they find to
kill--
The cats are fast like their ancestors
2. _____
and hungry like their ancestors.

Hardly any moon. So the night's cool
no moon to 3. _____. Summer's on the way
out
but for now there's still plenty to hunt
though the mice are quiet, 4. _____ like the
cats.

Smell the air--a still night, a night for love.
And every once in a while a scream
rising from the street below
where the cat's digging his teeth into 5. _____.

Once the rat screams, it's dead. That scream is 6. _____:
it tells the cat where to find the throat. After that,
the scream's coming from 7. _____.

You're lucky to be in love on nights like this,
still warm enough to lie naked on top of the sheets,
8. _____, because it's hard work, this love, no matter what anyone says.

The dead rats lie in the street, where the cat drops them.
Be glad you're not on the street now,
before the street cleaners come to 9. _____. When the sun rises,
it won't be disappointed with the world it finds,
the streets will be clean for the new day and the night that follows.

Just be glad you were in bed,
where the cries of love 10. _____ the screams of the corpses.



Answers : 1. whatever small thing - 2. in the hills - 3. heat it up - 4. watchful - 5. the rat's leg - 6. like a map - 7. a corpse - 8. sweating - 9. sweep them away - 10. drown out.