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WORKSHEET NO: 8	Topic: Somebody's Mother	Note: To be written in the notebook

ANSWER KEY

Q1. Answer these questions.

1. Describe the old woman's clothes, posture and appearance.

Ans: The old woman was wearing old and ragged clothes. She had a bent posture and appeared old and gray.

2. What did the people in the street do for the old woman?

Ans: People in the streets were hardly paying attention to her so she had to keep waiting for help for a long time.

3. Which lines from the poem describe how the people in the street behaved?

Ans: These lines describe how the people in the street behaved:

She stood at the crossing and waited long,
Alone, uncared for, amid the throng
Of human beings who passed her by
Nor heeded the glance of her anxious eyes.

4. Why was the old woman afraid to move?

Ans: The old woman was afraid to move because the streets were slippery and as she was aged and slow, was afraid of getting crowded down by a carriage.

5. What did the schoolboy do for the old woman?

Ans: The boy came up to the woman and whispered that he would help her cross if she so wished. He then held her hand and took her across the street.

Q2. Answer these questions with reference to the context.

She's somebody's mother, boys, you know,
For all she's aged and poor and slow,

a. Who is 'she'?

Ans: 'She' is the old lady who was seeking help.

b. Who is the speaker addressing?

Ans: The speaker is addressing the group of schoolboys he was with.

c. Why is the speaker talking about somebody's mother?

Ans: The speaker is saying that he helped the old lady to cross the street because she is also someone's mother and she is very aged and helpless.

2. And 'somebody's mother' bowed her head

In her home that night, and the prayer she said

a. What prayer did she say?

Ans: She prayed that God be kind to that noble boy who had helped her.

b. For whom was she praying?

Ans: She was praying for the boy who had helped her cross the street and who was someone's pride and joy.

c. What do these lines tell us about the theme of the poem?

Ans: These lines tell us that the poem is themed around empathy. The boy was empathetic in nature and was able to see the woman's plight and help her.
