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I told it not, my wrath did grow (line 4)
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The apple represents the poisonous fruit of suppressed anger/hatred/vengeance
- 3) Which word in the poem means "to move quietly without being notices"?
The word is "stole" (line 13, stanza 4)
- 4) In stanza 1, which word in the poem means "terrible anger"?
The word is "wrath"
- 5) In stanza 2, how did the persona tend to his plant?
The persona watered it in fears/ The persona sunned it with smiles and deceitful wiles
- 6) Identify a phrase in the poem which effectively describes the silent, cunning scheming of the persona
"soft deceitful wiles"
- 7) In your opinion, who is the real victim in this poem – the persona or the foe? Give a reason for your answer
I think the real victim is the persona because he cannot let his anger go by not able to forgive and forget (any possible answer).
- 8) The persona in the poem is angry with a friend. If you were the persona's friend, what advice would you give him or her?
Advice 1: **I would suggest to my friend to talk about his anger or dissatisfaction to the friend he is angry with**
Advice 2: **I would advice my friend to forgive the person who makes him angry (any possible answer).**

