

## The White Doe

A pure-white doe in an emerald glade  
Appeared to me, with two antlers of gold  
Between two streams, under a laurel's shade,  
At sunrise, in the season's bitter cold.

Her sigh was so suavely merciless  
That I left work to follow her at leisure  
Like the miser who looking for his treasure  
Sweetens with that delight his bitterness.

Around her lovely neck "Do not touch me"  
Was written with topaz and diamond stone,  
"My Caesar's will has been to make me free."

Already toward noon had climbed the sun,  
My weary eyes was not sated to see,  
When I fell in the stream and she was gone.

1. This poem is an allegory. While it appears to talk about a white deer that appears in the glade, it is actually about \_\_\_\_\_
2. Analyze the allegorical meanings (symbols):

Action or Object	Symbolic Connection	Inferred Meaning
pure-white doe		
emerald glade		
antlers of gold		
sunrise		
miser looking for treasure		
message around doe's neck		
sun at noon		
falling in stream		

Remember: Symbols are used to show the connections between the physical world (sensory) and the world of the mind (emotional and intellectual).