

# MAGIC TREE HOUSE

Name \_\_\_\_\_

## Wartime Woes

*The pain and sadness of many wars has been expressed through the words of poets. Read the following excerpt from this poem written after the Civil War. Then, write a few sentences describing who you think the speaker is and what he or she is saying.*

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### When Lilacs Last in the Dooryard Bloom'd

When lilacs last in the dooryard bloom'd,  
And the great star early droop'd in the western sky in the night,  
I mourn'd, and yet shall mourn with ever-returning spring.

Ever-returning spring, trinity sure to me you bring,  
Lilac blooming perennial and drooping star in the west,  
And thought of him I love.

—Walt Whitman, 1865

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