Worksheet: Keeping Quiet (Pablo Neruda)

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Q1. Why does Neruda ask us to 'count to twelve' in 'Keeping Quiet'? What does the number twelve symbolise? *[2 marks]*

Q2. Explain the 'green wars' image in 'Keeping Quiet'. What does Neruda mean by 'What I want should not be confused with total inactivity'? *[4 marks]*

Q3. How does Neruda connect individual stillness to environmental awareness and world peace in 'Keeping Quiet'? What is the poem's vision of what a moment of universal silence could achieve? *[6 marks]*