

**Task 4: Part 1:** Identify the verbs in this poem and determine their tenses.

### **Dunluce Castle**

1           Can these be the walls that once mocked the fierce Dane  
2                 Where the wrath of the Saxon was poured in vain  
3           Where the bard and the harper were loved and caressed,  
4                 And the stranger was ever the welcomest guest?  
  
5                 How often at morning would gaily ride forth  
6           From these high-pillared portals the chiefs of the north  
7                 O'Neill and O'Donnell, McQuillan the proud  
8                 Too soon to lie bloody and cold in his shroud.  
  
9                 In thy storm shattered turrets so hoary and grey  
10                 The banshee at midnight laments thy decay  
11           And the sea bird screams shrill on the night breeze's breath  
12                 While thy halls are the dwelling of darkness and death.  
  
13           The morning sun breaks and still hushed is that song  
14                 Yet its walls in my bosom doth memory prolong  
15           And grief's wasted hand strikes a chord in my heart  
16                 Whence the murmur of sorrow shall never depart.

Part 2: What do the chosen verb tenses reveal about the speaker’s attitude to Irish national identity? Please include at least three of your identified verbs in your answer. Your answer should be between 120 and 150 words. You might also want to take into consideration the previous discussion about the poem.

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