

I Dream'd in a Dream
By Walt Whitman

I dream'd in a dream I saw a city invincible to the attacks of the
whole of the rest of the earth,
I dream'd that was the new city of Friends,
Nothing was greater there than the quality of robust love, it led the rest,
It was seen every hour in the actions of the men of that city,
And in all their looks and words.

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Checking for Understanding

1. What does “invincible” mean as it is used in the following sentence:
“I dream'd in a dream I saw a city invincible to the attacks of the whole of the rest of the earth”.
2. How did the author use rhythm and rhyme in this poem?

Vocabulary

- liberating