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The Enigmatic Beasts

Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. The poem suggests that life is multifaceted, and different aspects of it can be represented by various qualities or characteristics, just as the animals symbolize different aspects through their riddles.
2. The animals' riddles in the poem challenge people to think deeply about the world around them and look beyond the surface to find answers, emphasizing that sometimes answers are right in front of us if we seek them.
3. The author may have chosen animals because they often embody certain qualities or characteristics, and using them as symbols makes it easier to convey abstract ideas and concepts.
4. The dolphin finding joy in the ocean symbolizes the idea that individuals often find happiness and purpose in their natural environment or in doing what they are meant to do.

