



# “In the desert”

*by Stephen Crane*

## Q U E S T I O N S

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Class: \_\_\_\_\_

1. The speaker of this poem comes upon a gruesome scene, but his response is a casual “Is it good, friend?”  
What does the question, especially the use of the word *friend*, tell us about the speaker’s own character?

2. What is the significance of the setting?

3. What does the fact that the creature “likes it” suggest about the nature of suffering or bitterness?