The Sound Collector  Roger McGough

Answer the following questions about the poem.

1. In what person is the poem written?
2. Who wrote the poem?
3. Who is speaking in the poem?
   a. the poet
   b. the stranger
   c. the baby
4. What is the poem about?
5. Find an example of perfect rhyme.
6. Find an example of sound rhyme.
7. Is “The whistling of the kettle” – a metaphor, a simile or an onomatopoeia?
8. What is an onomatopoeia?
9. Write down the onomatopoeic words in the poem.
10. What is the message of the poet?
11. Match the words with its meaning

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<th>stranger</th>
<th>Absence of noise</th>
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<td>marmalade</td>
<td>A piece of glass in a window or door.</td>
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<td>Silence</td>
<td>Used for boiling water</td>
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<td>Pane</td>
<td>Preserve usually made of oranges</td>
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<td>Kettle</td>
<td>To get rid of water by means of pipes</td>
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A stranger came this morning
Dressed all in black and grey
Put every sound into a bag
And carried them away
The whistling of the kettle
The turning of the lock
The purring of the kitten
The ticking of the clock

The popping of the toaster
The crunching of the flakes
When you spread the marmalade
The scraping noise it makes

The hissing of the frying-pan
The ticking of the grill
The bubbling of the bathtub
As it starts to fill

The drumming of the raindrops
On the window-pane
When you do the washing-up
The gurgle of the drain

The crying of the baby
The squeaking of the chair
The swishing of the curtain
The creaking of the stair

A stranger called this morning
He didn’t leave his name
Left us only silence
Life will never be the same.

by Roger McGough