

Troglodytic Owner-Occupier

Old flier with a bellyful of fire
that's hotter than a deep-fat frier,
your tongue is tougher than a tyre,
thicker and harder and drier.
You've the appetite of a vampire.

Old flier with a bellyful of fire,
you're driven by desire to acquire.
You trickster, rogue and liar.
You've eyes like snakes', but slyer.
They're sharp as thorns on briar.

Old flier with a bellyful of fire,
mister mayhem-multiplier.
Your cry's a terrifier,
the sound of a suffering choir
entangled in barbed wire.

Old flier with a bellyful of fire,
soaring higher than church and spire.
You're lord and magnifier,
his dragonship, esquire,
arrogant, for all to admire.

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How does the narrator of the poem feel about dragons? How can you tell?

Can you identify the similes in the poem? (Write them down)

What do all the words at the end of each line rhyme with? _____

What is the dragon's tongue compared to? _____

Which line of the poem makes the dragon seem blood thirsty?

How has repetition been used in the poem?

Can you write down three examples of alliteration in the poem?

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

What do you think 'mister mayhem-multiplier' means?

How many verses are there? _____

How many syllables in the first line in each verse? _____

How many stars would you give this out of 5? (Circle them)

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Why? _____