

### The Bean Trees Quote ID Quiz

In addition to identifying the speaker and person spoken to for each quotation below, identify any people, things, or places in boldface and include them in your discussion of the quotation's significance. Fill in any blanks in the quoted text. If there is no "person spoken to," write "N/A."

1. "I love **your names**. They're about the only thing you came **here** with that you've still got left."

Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_ Person Spoken To: \_\_\_\_\_

Context: \_\_\_\_\_

Significance: \_\_\_\_\_

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2. "**You** talk different. I knowed you was going to put on **airs**."

Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_ Person Spoken To: \_\_\_\_\_

Context: \_\_\_\_\_

Significance: \_\_\_\_\_

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3. "Why not, my daddy'd been calling **me** a slut practically since I was thirteen, so why the hell not? \_\_\_\_\_ was just who it happened to be. **You** know the way it is."

Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_ Person Spoken To: \_\_\_\_\_

Context: \_\_\_\_\_

Significance: \_\_\_\_\_

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4. "Before you know it the whole world will be here jibbering and jabbering till we won't know it's America."

Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_ Person Spoken To: \_\_\_\_\_

Context: \_\_\_\_\_

Significance: \_\_\_\_\_

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5. “But nothing on this earth’s guaranteed, when you get right down to it, **you** know? I’ve been thinking about that. About how your kids aren’t really *yours*, they’re just people that you try to keep an eye on, and hope you’ll all grow up someday to like each other and still be in one piece. What I mean is, everything you ever get is really just on loan.”

Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_ Person Spoken To: \_\_\_\_\_

Context: \_\_\_\_\_

Significance: \_\_\_\_\_

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6. “The way I see it, a person isn’t nothing more than a scarecrow. **You**, me, Earl Wickentot, the President of the United States, and even God Almighty, as far as I can see. The only difference between one that stands up good and one that blows over is what kind of a stick they’re stuck up there on.”

Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_ Person Spoken To: \_\_\_\_\_

Context: \_\_\_\_\_

Significance: \_\_\_\_\_

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7. “There’s just so damn much ugliness. Everywhere you look, some big guy kicking some little person when they’re down[...]To hell with them, people say, let them die, it was their fault in the first place for being poor or in trouble, or for not being white, or whatever, how dare they try to come to this country.”

Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_ Person Spoken To: \_\_\_\_\_

Context: \_\_\_\_\_

Significance: \_\_\_\_\_

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8. “I could picture **these beans** marching right over the Pacific Ocean, starting from somebody’s garden in China and ending up right here.”

Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_ Person Spoken To: \_\_\_\_\_

Context: \_\_\_\_\_

Significance: \_\_\_\_\_

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9. “You talk about men like they’re a hangnail. To hear you tell it, you’d think man was only put on this earth to keep urinals from going to waste.”

Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_ Person Spoken To: \_\_\_\_\_

Context: \_\_\_\_\_

Significance: \_\_\_\_\_

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10. “You see a room just like **the first one**, the same table, the same pot of stew, the same spoons as long as a sponge mop. But **these people** are all happy and fat.”

Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_ Person Spoken To: \_\_\_\_\_

Context: \_\_\_\_\_

Significance: \_\_\_\_\_

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11. “It’s shift work. **He’s** just got to go in when they tell him to, and that’s that. And he’s not a heathen. He was born right here in America, same as the rest of us.”

Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_ Person Spoken To: \_\_\_\_\_

Context: \_\_\_\_\_

Significance: \_\_\_\_\_

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12. “Nobody can protect a child from the world. That’s why it’s **the wrong thing to ask**, if you’re really trying to make a **decision**.”

Speaker: \_\_\_\_\_ Person Spoken To: \_\_\_\_\_

Context: \_\_\_\_\_

Significance: \_\_\_\_\_

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