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“Calypso” by Suzanne Vega

1. Does Odysseus strike you as heroic when we see him for the first time? Explain.

After listening to “Calypso” by Suzanne Vega, analyze the lyrics. Answer the questions below.

1. From whose point of view is the song being sung?
2. What is the song mainly about? Use specific lines from the song to support your response.
3. What is the mood of the song? How does it make you feel? Does it change?
4. Does the music match the mood? How?
5. What is the problem the speaker faces in “Calypso?”
6. What do you think this song is saying about life? Is there something to be learned?
7. How are Vega’s depiction of Calypso and Calypso of *The Odyssey* alike? Use examples from both to support your response.