Bayonet Charge

1. How is caesura used in the first stanza and what's the effect?
2. What's the effect of the perfect past tense in line 7?
3. Look at lines 10-11 and explain the ideas Hughes is expressing.
4. What war is this poem set in?
5. What's the term for a list without conjunctions? Find an example in the third stanza and comment on it.
6. Look at lines 16-17. Choose four verbs. What's the effect of them. What do they suggest?
7. What's a bayonet?
8. How does Ted Hughes feel about war? How do you know?
9. What's the effect of the plosive sounds in line 5?
10. Why do you think Hughes has used the adjective "numb" to describe the soldier's rifle?

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