THE LOLLIPOP MAN

He stands by the roadside each morning
And again at a quarter to three,
Helping us safely cross over
When our parents aren't there to see.

He holds up his stick like a soldier
Warning enemies that they must wait,
So his troops can smartly march over
Moving swiftly so they are not late.

He greets each one smiling broadly
With a friendly word or two.
Without his laughter the world would be dull
And we'd all be left feeling blue.

But I'm the luckiest child of all
I never feel lonely nor sad,
For the lollipop man who stands on the street
Is Joe Fletcher, my own grandad!

Choose the **best word** or **phrase** each time. Underline your answers.

1. The poet believes that the lollipop man is

   shy and quiet — warm and friendly

   at war with enemies — always telling jokes

2. "Feeling blue" means to be - happy angry sad excited
3. The "enemies" are - teachers children soldiers cars
4. The lollipop man's job is - detached hazardous dramatic desperate
5. Children crossing busy roads without supervision are - safe fearless in peril bold
6. Who are the "troops" in the poem? _____
7. Why does the poet feel special? _____

Find words in the poem which mean the **OPPOSITE** to each of the following.

	Word from the poem		Word from the poem
e.g. early	late	8 slowly	_____
9 cheerful	_____	10 always	_____
11 hostile	_____	12 most unfortunate	_____