Arizona’s Official Anthem

Arizona March Song
By Margaret Rowe Clifford, 1915

Come to this land of sunshine, to this land where life is young.
Where the wide, wide world is waiting, the songs that will now be sung.
Where the golden sun is flaming into warm, white, shining day,
And the sons of men are blazing their priceless right of way.

Come stand beside the rivers within our valleys broad.
Stand here with heads uncovered, in the presence of our God!
While all around, about us the brave, unconquered band,
As guardians and landmarks, the giant mountains stand.

Not alone for gold and silver is Arizona great.
But with graves of heroes sleeping, all the land is consecrate!
O, come and live beside us, however far ye roam
Come and help us build up temples, and name those temples “home.”

CHORUS:
Sing the song that’s in your hearts, sing of the great Southwest,
Thank God, for Arizona in splendid sunshine dressed.
For thy beauty and thy grandeur, for thy regal robes so sheen
We hail thee Arizona, our Goddess and our queen.

Comprehension Questions:

Verse 1 - How many words in this verse are related to heat? (List them.)

Verse 2 - What type of landscape is described? (Include three landforms.)

Verse 3 - Where does Arizona’s greatness lie? (Hint: not just gold and silver.)

Chorus - What is Arizona personified as? (Personification is a figure of speech in which human qualities are given to non-human things.)