



## CLASS - VI ENGLISH NOTES

### 1. I REMEMBER, I REMEMBER

#### I. ERC:

1. **“The lilacs where the robin built,  
And where my brother set  
The laburnum on his birthday,-  
The tree is living yet!”**

a) What does the poet recall?

The poet recalls his brother planting a laburnum tree on his birthday.

b) Where did he see all this?

He saw all this near the house where he was born.

c) Name the poem and the poet.

The name of the poem is ‘I Remember, I Remember’ and the poet is Thomas Hood.

d) Which tree is the poet talking about?

The poet is talking about the laburnum tree.

2. **“My spirit flew in feathers then,  
That is so heavy now,  
And summer pools could hardly cool  
The fever on my brow!”**

a) What does the poet mean by ‘spirit flew in feathers’?

By ‘spirit flew in feathers’ the poet is referring to his childhood when he did not have to worry about anything and led a very carefree life.

b) Which time is the poet referring to as ‘then’?

‘Then’ is being used to refer to his childhood days when he lived in his home where he was born.

c) Why do you think his spirit is heavy now?

His spirit is heavy now because he has a lot of things to worry about and can’t be carefree anymore.

d) What is suggested by the phrase 'fever on my brow'?

The phrase 'fever on my brow' suggests the worries and tensions of adult life.

**3. "I remember, I remember  
The fir trees dark and high;  
I used to think their slender tops  
Were close against the sky:  
It was a childish ignorance."**

a) What is the change in the poet's life now?

The poet no longer believes in the childish belief of the fir trees reaching up to the sky.

b) What is the poet nostalgic about?

The poet is nostalgic about the dark and high fir trees near his home.

c) What is being referred to as 'childish ignorance'?

The belief that the fir trees could reach up to the sky is being referred to as 'childish ignorance'.

d) Write the synonym of the word 'slender'.

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## II. Short Answers:

**1. What does the poet remember about the house where he was born?**

The poet remembers the little window in the house where he was born. The sun would come peeping in at the window in the morning.

**2. What are the poet's memories of his garden?**

The poet remembers the different flowers in his garden - the roses, the violets and the lily cups. He also remembers the lilac and the laburnum that was planted by his brother on his birthday.

**3. What does the poet remember about the fir trees? Why is it of little joy now?**

The poet remembers how the fir trees were so dark and high that he thought their slender tops touched the sky. It is of little joy now because he believes he is farther away from heaven than he was then, as he is so far away from his home.

### III. Long Answers:

**1. What is the rhyme scheme of the poem?**

The rhyme scheme of each stanza of the poem is abcbdefe.

**2. How has the poet contrasted his life 'now' with how his life was 'then'?**

During his childhood, the poet lived a carefree life where he would play and laugh and not worry. Now he is an adult and his life is full of responsibilities and worries. He feels that he is farther away from heaven than he was then.

**3. Write about the way the mood of the poet changes through the poem.**

The poet is very nostalgic throughout the poem. He remembers his childhood home lovingly. Sadness accompanies this nostalgia as he believes all of this is now lost to him and he can't go back. He is farther away from heaven now.

**4. Why is the poet farther off from heaven than when he was a boy?**

The poet is farther away from heaven now than when he was a boy because he is far away from his home where there was love and happiness.