

1. The Blue Bird

- Sri Aurobindo

I Answer the following questions with reference to the Context. (ERC)

a. I rise like a fire from the mortal's earth
Into a griefless sky
And drop in the suffering soil of his birth
Fire-seeds of ecstasy.

1) Who is 'I' referred to here?

Ans: 'I' referred to here is the blue bird, the symbolic representation of the liberated divine soul.

2) What does the word 'ecstasy' suggest?

Ans: The word 'ecstasy' suggests great happiness.

3) Why does the poet refer to the place of his birth as 'suffering soil'?

Ans: The poet refers to the place of his birth as 'suffering soil' to convey the idea that earthly existence is characterized by pain and suffering.

b. My pinions soar beyond Time and space
Into unfading Light;

I baring the bliss of the Eternal's face
And the boon of the spirit's sight.

1. What could the poet mean in the first line?

Ans: In the first line, the poet means that the bird's flight transcends the limitations of time and space.

2. The 'Eternal's face' refers to the divine presence or the essence of the Eternal.

3. What blessing is the poet talking about?

A: The poet is talking about the blessing of the God's vision.

II Answer the following questions.

Q1. What does the bird do for the God's and the Seraph's ear?

A: The bird sings the notes of the sweet and the true for God's and Seraph's ear.

Q2. What does the bird rise do?

A: The bird rises like a fire from the mortal's earth and drops fire seeds of ecstasy on the suffering soil of his birth.

Q3. According to the poet, what do the following lines mean?

' I bring the bliss of the Eternal's face
And the boon of the Spirit's sight.'

Ans: When the poet says, ' I bring the bliss of the Eternal's face and the boon of the Spirit's sight,' he means that the bird brings the experience of divine happiness and the ability to perceive the spiritual realm.

Q4: Why does the bird measure the world?

Ans: The bird measures the world to gain a deeper understanding and knowledge of its vastness and intricacies.

Q5: How is nothing hidden from the bird?

Ans: Nothing is hidden from the bird because his burning heart and shareless mind allow him to perceive and understand everything.