

Ln-9 To the Birds You Gave Songs

I ERC :-

1) You made your winds light and they are fleet in their service.

You burdened my hands that I myself may lighten them,

And at last, gain unburdened freedom for your service.

a) How is the nature of the winds described in the poem?

Ans) → The winds are described as swift and light.

b) Why are the speaker's hands burdened?

Ans) → The speaker's hands are burdened so that he can lighten them and gain unburdened freedom for God's service.

c) How does the speaker contrast the wind and the burdened hands?

Ans) → The wind is light and swift whereas the hands are burdened and heavy.

2) There you paused; you left me empty-handed in the dust to create your heaven.
To all things else you give, from me you ask.

a) What, according to you, is the situation of the Speaker?

Ans:- He realizes that he can create God's heaven and that is why God is asking him to create the heaven on the earth.

b) What responsibility does the speaker have?

Ans:- The Speaker's responsibility is to create God's heaven.

c) What is the tone of the speaker in the above lines?

Ans:- The lines convey anger and disagreement with God who has given all gifts to other and from the speaker demands things in return.

II Answer the following:-

1) What did the birds give in return for their songs? How is it different from the speaker's situation?

Ans:- The birds gave songs in return but for the poet he was given only a voice and asked to return more.

2) why does the speaker want to unburden his/her hands?

Ans:-

The speaker wants to lighten his hands by working in the service of God.

3) Who is made to create the heaven?

Ans:-

The speaker is left empty handed to create a heaven for God.

4) which line in the poem conveys that human imagination can take them beyond their abilities?

Ans:-

The following lines in the poem depict the power of human imagination:

There you paused; you left me empty-handed
in the dust.

To create your heaven.

5) what does the 'golden granary' signify?

Ans:-

It signifies God's heaven where all the blessings are stored.

III Detail Answer :-

1) How does the poet explore the theme of reciprocity in the poem? Discuss instances in the poem where giving and receiving are highlighted and their significance in the context of the poem.

(Ans) The poet explores the theme of reciprocity in the poem through the exchange of songs between God and the birds. The poet acknowledges that God gave songs to the birds, and in return, the birds gave songs back.

This mutual exchange highlights the concept of giving and receiving in a reciprocal manner. It signifies a balance and harmony in the relationship between nature and the creator. The significance lies in the idea that giving and receiving are interconnected, creating a cycle of gratitude and appreciation.

In-10 Bhola Grandpa and the Tiger

I ERC :-

1) The tree had become the lasting camp for a minor troop of monkeys.

(a) Which tree the narrator is talking about? where was this tree?

(Ans:-) The narrator is talking about the bokul tree. The tree overshadowed Bhola Grandpa's house.

(b) Which animal had made it their camp?

(Ans:-) The tree had become a camp for a minor troop of monkeys.

(c) How would you describe the presence of the monkeys on the tree?

(Ans:-) The monkeys signify the welcoming nature of Bhola Grandpa and his wife.

2) I vividly remember the moonlit night which remains etched in my memory as we made our way back from the grand festival dedicated to Lord Shiva.

(a) which event were they returning from?

(Ans):- They were returning from the grand festival dedicated to Lord Shiva.

b) How is the night described?

(Ans):- The night is described as a moonlit night that can never be forgotten.

c) Why does the narrator remember this particular night?

(Ans):- The narrator remembered this particular night because of its vividness and lasting impression in his memory when Bhola Grandpa had forgotten his grandson at the fair.

3) you possess a rare gift, my friend. The spirits of the forest have recognized your pure heart and shielded you from harm.

a) who spoke the above lines and to whom?

(Ans):- The elderly man from the hamlet spoke these words to Bhola Grandpa.

b) what is the 'rare gift' the speaker is talking about?

Ans):- The speaker refers to Bhola Grandpa's pure heart as the 'rare gift'.

c) what harm is the speaker talking about?

Ans:- The harm of being attacked and eaten by the tiger is being referred to in the lines.

II Answer the following:-

1) Describe the place where Bhola Grandpa and his wife lived.

Ans):- Bhola Grandpa and his wife lived at the western end of the village. Their hut was overshadowed by a large bokul tree which, with the advent of Spring, grew luxuriant and continuously showered its tiny red fruit on their courtyard. The tree was home to a minor troop of monkeys.

2) What did Bhola Grandpa tell his friends about the hidden treasure?

Ans:- Bhola Grandpa told his friends that he had spied upon a gang of pirates burying a large box under one of the sand-dunes on the lonely seashore by their

village. He had also watched the gang disappear into the sea.

3) Did Bhola Grandpa and his friends find the hidden treasure? why or why not?

(Ans):- They did not find the treasure as it was just a dream that Bhola Grandpa had had.

4) What did the elderly man tell Bhola Grandpa about his encounter with the tiger?

(Ans):- The elderly man told Bhola Grandpa that he possessed a rare gift and that the spirits of the forest had recognized his pure heart and shielded him from harm. The tiger, who was usually fierce and deadly, sensed the purity within him and felt no threat. It was a blessing bestowed upon only a chosen few.

5) How did Bhola Grandpa's encounter with the tiger change his life?

(Ans):- Bhola Grandpa dedicated his life to preserving the delicate balance between humans and the untamed wilderness. The legacy of Bhola Grandpa lived on forever intertwined with the enchanting mysteries of the Sundarbans.

Answer in Detail :-

1) What happened to Bhola Grandpa in the Sundarbans?

(Ans):- one day, Bhola Grandpa was separated from his group and at a distance of about five yards in front of him, saw a full-grown Royal Bengal tiger. Bhola Grandpa instantly clambered up a banyan tree at hand. The tiger roared and circled the tree.

As the night fell, Bhola Grandpa could see the tiger's bluish-yellow eyes rolling and looking all over the tree. The night passed and when the dawn broke, Bhola Grandpa saw the tiger was gone.