

9. Someone (Poem) - Walter de la Mare



II Key words:

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| 1. Speaker | 6. heard | 11. knocking |
| 2. opened | 7. mentioned | 12. wondering |
| 3. looked | 8. beetle | 13. listened |
| 4. described | 9. cricket | 14. knock |
| 5. owl | 10. drops | 15. surprised |

III Synonyms :

1. naught - nothing
2. stirring - moving
3. screech - a loud unpleasant sound.
4. Cricket - a small jumping insect that makes a loud sound.
5. dewdrops - a very small drop of water that falls on the ground.

IV Antonyms :

1. fall x rise
2. whistling x silent
3. stir x still.
4. naught x something
5. heard x unheard.

V Homophones :

1. wall - wail
2. know - no
3. Wee - we
4. while - wile

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VII Rhyming words:

1. wall - hall.

2. Sure - cure

3. Still - hill

4. Tap - map

5. busy - dizzy

VII Answer the following questions with reference to context: [ERC]

① So I know not who came knocking,
At all, at all, at all.

Q1. Why does the speaker not know who came knocking?

Ans: The speaker did not know who came knocking because he did not find anyone on opening the door.

Q2. Why is the phrase 'at all' used thrice in the above line?

Ans: He kept on wondering and looking left and right, but despite the sound of a knock that he was sure to have listened, no one was visible. So, he said it thrice.

Q3. How does the speaker feel about the event?

Ans: He feels surprised and scared.

VIII Answer the following questions:

Q1. What did the speaker do when someone knocked at the door?

Ans: The speaker opened the door and looked left and right.

Q2. Did the speaker find someone when the door was opened?

Ans: No, the speaker did not find anyone at all but just heard the sounds.

Q3. How is the night described in the poem?

Ans: The night is described as still and dark.

Q4. Which animals and sounds are mentioned in the poem?

Ans: The sounds of hootle, cricket and owl are mentioned in the poem.

Q5. Did the poet hear the dewdrops? How do you know?

NO.

Ans: He saw the dew drops fall on the ground.