

11. The Village Blacksmith.

I Answer the following questions with reference to content.

1. Tolling, - rejoicing, - sorrowing,
Onward through life he goes;
Each morning sees some task begin,
Each evening sees it close;
Something attempted, something done.
Has earned a night's repose.

a) Who is 'he' in these lines?

'He' is the blacksmith.

b) What happens in the morning and evening?

The same task begins each morning and the same task closes each evening.

c) Explain the line 'Has earned a night's repose'.

'Has earned a night's repose' means that the blacksmith has earned the liberty to rest at night after working hard all day.

2. He goes on Sunday to the church,
And sits among his boys;
He hears the parson pray and preach;
He hears his daughter's voice
Singing in the village choir,
And it makes his heart rejoice.

a) What does the blacksmith do on Sundays?

The blacksmith goes to the church on Sundays.

b) What does the blacksmith remember when he hears his daughter singing in the village choir?

The blacksmith remembers his wife's voice when he

hears the daughter singing in the village choir

- 2) Identify the figure of speech in the line, 'He hears the parson pray and preach'.

The figure of speech in the line, 'He hears the parson pray and preach' is alliteration.

3. The smith, a mighty man is he,
with large and sinewy hands,
And the muscles of his brawny arms
And strong as iron bands.

- a) List three words from the stanza that show that the smith is a strong man.

The three words from the stanza that show that the smith is a strong man, are mighty, large and strong.

- b) What work does a blacksmith do?

A blacksmith makes objects out of iron by hot and cold forging on an anvil.

- c) Identify the rhyming words in the above lines.

The rhyming words in the above line are bands - bands.

- 1) Answer the following questions:

1. What are the two opposite feelings that the blacksmith feels on Sundays?

The blacksmith feels rejoice and sadness. The daughter's voice sounds to him like her mother's which makes his heart rejoice. But when he thinks of her lying in the grave, he becomes sad.

2. Describe the physical characteristics of the village blacksmith.
The village blacksmith is a mighty man, with large and sinewy hands. He has muscular arms and long, black hair.

3. Why do you think the poet has a deep sense of respect for the blacksmith?

The poet has a deep sense of respect for the blacksmith because he works hard and honestly and teaches us how to live life.

4. Why does the poet say that the blacksmith is able to look at the whole world in the face?

The blacksmith is able to look the whole world in the face because he earns his living himself and does not owe anything to anyone.