

Class 06 English

Chapter-04 Poem - Beauty

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1. The poet says, “Beauty is heard in ...”

Can you hear beauty? Add a sound that you think is beautiful to the sounds the poet thinks are beautiful.

The poet, Shelley, said:

Heard melodies are sweet,

But those unheard are sweeter.

What do you think this means? Have you ever ‘heard’ a song in your head, long after the song was sung or played?

Ans: Yes, indeed it is true that beauty, too, can be heard, like the chirping of birds. We just have to be sensitive towards our thoughts and feelings.

Our power to think, imagine and anticipate the things is greater than the act itself. The poet says that when we hear melodies, we find it sweet but long after these melodies can be heard in our thoughts as they get tuned inside us.

Yes, I, too, have heard a song in my head, long after it was sung or played.

2. Read the first and second stanzas of the poem again. Note the following phrases.

corn growing, people working or dancing, wind sighing, rain falling, a singer chanting

These could be written as

- **corn that is growing**

- **people who are working or dancing**

Can you rewrite the other phrases like this? Why do you think the poet uses the shorter phrases?

Ans: wind that is sighing

rain that is falling

a singer who is chanting

The poet uses the shorter phrases to bring in the beauty of words and its rhyming scheme .He must have wanted to give a lucid meaning to his poem.

Worksheet 01

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1. Is there any difference in the beauty of an object in different times? **[Beauty]**
2. What is beauty?
3. **Read the following extract and answer the questions that follow by choosing the best option from among the given ones.**

Beauty is heard

In the night,

Wind sighing, rain falling,

Or a singer chanting

Anything in earnest.

- i. The passage describes the beauty of
 - a. the dark
 - b. the day
 - c. inside
 - d. nature
- ii. The poet is thinking of the beauty of
 - a. the soul
 - b. the sounds
 - c. nature
 - d. people
- iii. The phrase “wind sighing’ shows that the wind is
 - a. unhappy
 - b. passing through the trees
 - c. blowing in the dark
 - d. not blowing
- iv. The song’s music is beautiful when the singer sings
 - a. on instruments
 - b. without instruments
 - c. with feelings

- d. loudly
- v. The noun form of 'sighing' is
 - a. sight
 - b. slight
 - c. sighed
 - d. sigh

4. Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow: (1×3=3)

Beauty is heard
In the night,
Wind sighing, rain falling,
Or a singer chanting
Anything in earnest.

- i. Can you hear the beauty in the atmosphere?
- ii. What do you mean by 'anything in earnest'?
- iii. What were the actions of the wind and rain?

5. Read the lines given below and answer the questions that follow: (1×3=3)

Beauty is seen
In the sunlight
The trees, the birds,
Corn growing and people working
Or dancing for their harvest.

- i. Can you see the beauty in and around your surroundings?
- ii. Why did people start dancing in the poem?
- iii. What was being grown on the field?

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Solution

1. Yes, there can be a difference, e.g. everyone feels happy when it is sunlight during winter but it becomes unpleasant during summers.
2. Beauty is a feeling of great pleasure and admiration produced in the heart when one sees something beautiful.
3. i. (a), ii. (b), iii. (b), iv. (c), v. (d)
4.
 - i. Yes, we can hear the beauty in the atmosphere such as when the rain falls down and the wind sighs.
 - ii. 'Anything in earnest; means there is beauty in any activity which has been done with eagerness, full dedication and firm determination.
 - iii. In the above lines, the wind was sighing while the rain was falling.
5.
 - i. Yes, we can see the beauty in and around our surroundings such as in birds, trees, sunlight, ripened crops and the people dancing while harvesting them.
 - ii. People were dancing for their good harvest as they worked very hard on their fields.
 - iii. Corn was being grown on the field.