

# **St. Andrews Scots Sr. Sec. School**

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**Class: VIII**

**Subject: English**

**Topic: Leave This (Poem)**

## **B. Answer the following questions with reference to context:**

1. **a)** The phrase 'in sun and in shower' means 'labouring outside, in the open, in sunshine, and in rain'.  
**b)** The devotees are sitting and praying inside a temple; they are inactive physically. The toilers, on the other hand, are doing hard physical work in the open ground.  
**c)** The poet implores everyone to engage in hard physical work and to appreciate the hard work of labourers.
2. **a)** The poet feels that just meditating and praying in seclusion does not help society. We must work hard and engage in life of action for the betterment of humankind.  
**b)** The society as a whole would benefit if everyone works hard and leads a life of service.

## **Answer these questions briefly:**

- 1). The poet feels that God does not live within the four walls of the shrines, and that counting of beads and singing and chanting of mantras in a secluded corner of a temple is not the right way to find God. God really exists with the toilers who work hard, whether under the hot sun or in the rain. The poet feels that the life of the humble labourers is better than the ascetic way of life.
2. According to the poet, the ultimate spiritual goal of the devout is to seek deliverance. But God Himself has worked hard to create the universe. So, there is God in hard work and with people who toil or are engaged in a life of action. God is with the downtrodden and humble who work hard to earn their bread. The poet believes that true worship of God comes when we work together with and empathies with the humble humanity.
3. The poet feels that God is bound with us all for ever because he has created us, and he is connected to everything that he has created.  
**b)** Here 'it' was referred to the task that no one had ever done before. No one had ever done it because it was challenging.