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NOTES

Class - IX

Subject - English

Topic -Song of the Rain

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1. When I cry the hills laugh;
When I humble myself the flowers rejoice;
When I bow, all things are elated.
The field and the cloud are lovers
And between them I am a messenger of mercy.
I quench the thirst of the one;
I cure the ailment of the other.

Questions

- What happens when the rain shows its humility?
- What role does the rain play between fields and clouds?
- Name the poetic device used in the lines.

Answers

- When the rain shows its humility and modesty, the flowers bloom and rejoice.
- The rain plays the role of a messenger of mercy between the two lovers , the fields and clouds.
- Personification** is the poetic device used in the lines.

2. The voice of Thunder declares my arrival,

The rainbow announces my departure.
I am like earthly life, which begins at
The feet of the mad elements and ends
Under the upraised wings of death.
I emerge from the heart of the sea and
Soar with the breeze. When I see a field in
Need, a descend and embrace the flowers and
The trees in a million little ways.

Questions

- How are the arrival and departure of the rain announced?
- Describe the poetic device used in the third line.
- How and when does the rain oblige fields, flowers and trees?

Answers

- a. The thundering sound of lightning announces the arrival and the rainbow announces the departure of the rain.
- b. The poetic device used in the third line is simile.
- c. When the rain sees fields, flowers and trees in need, it obliges them in million little ways.

**3. I touch gently at the windows with my
Soft fingers and my announcement is a
Welcome song. All can hear, but only
The sensitive can understand.
I am the sigh of the sea,
The laughter of the field,
The tears of heaven.**

Questions

- a. How does the rain touch the windows?
- b. Who can hear and understand the rain?
- c. What is the rain for the sea, the fields and the sky?

Answers

- a. The rain touches the windows with its soft fingers.
- b. All can hear but only sensitive souls can understand the rain.
- c. It is the sigh of the sea, the laughter of the field and tears of the sky.

Short Q/Ans-

1. How is the rain compared to the silver threads and beautiful pearls?
Ans. The poet Kahlil Gibran presents some beautiful images of the rain. The shimmering drops of rain falling one after the other looks like the dotted silver threads. It appears as if the gods themselves are dropping those silver threads from heaven. Similarly, the pure white drops of the rain are compared to the beautiful pearls plucked from the crown of Ishtar. Both the comparisons appear to be apt and logical.
2. How does the rain act as a messenger of mercy?
Ans. Kahlil Gibran presents the rain as a messenger of mercy. It acts as a messenger between the two lovers - the cloud and the field. When the parched fields are thirsty, the rain provides an immediate relief by quenching their thirst. Similarly, the rain relieves the clouds of their heaviness of vapours.
3. What is the song and music of the rain and why can only the sensitive understand it?
Ans. The rain has its own music. The very arrival of the rain is like a welcome song. Everyone can hear the welcome song of the rain. But there are very few who can feel, appreciate and understand this melodious music and song of the

rain. Only people with sensitive and delicate hearts can appreciate and understand it.

Long Q/Ans –

1. Describe the various images , movements and sounds of the rain. How is the rain associated with the various objects of the earth and the emotions of human beings?

Ans. Kahlil Gibran presents the rain in all its glory, movements, sounds and colours. The very first image give a divine touch to the rain. It's shimmering dated silver threads are dropped from the heaven by the gods themselves. In the next image , Gibran compares the rain to **beautiful white pearls** plucked from the crown of Ishtar. Then in third image , the poet expresses the different intensity, movements and sounds of the rain. When it **cries**, the hills laugh. When it falls down and humble and soft drops, the flowers rejoice. When it bows and spreads showers all around, everyone is **elated**. 'The voice of Thunder' declares its arrival. The rainbow announces its departure. It emerges from the heart of the sea and source with the breeze. It embraces flowers and trees in a **million little ways**. It is a sigh of the sea. It is a **laughter** of the field. It is the 'tears of heaven'.

The rain has its own music and song. It can be heard by all. But only a few can understand and feel it's music or song. Only the sensitive and delicate souls and hearts can feel and understand the melodies of the rain.