

Lesson - 13

LAUGHING SONG

A. WARMER

Different people laugh in different ways. Can you do a mimicry showing different ways of laughing?

◆ *Now enjoy this poem.*

When the green woods laugh with the voice of joy,
And the dimpling stream runs laughing by;
When the air does laugh with our merry wit,
And the green hill laughs with the noise of it;
When the meadows laugh with lively green,
And the grasshopper laughs in the merry scene;
When Mary, and Susan, and Emily



With their sweet round mouth sing, 'ha, ha, he'
 When the painted birds laugh in the shade,
 Where our table with cherries and nuts is spread:
 Come live, and be merry, and join with me,
 To sing the sweet chorus of 'ha, ha, he'

William Blake

GLOSSARY AND NOTES

green woods	:	(ग्रीन वुडज), जंगल	jungle, forests
stream	:	(स्ट्रीम), नदी, धारा	dimpling
merry	:	(मेरी), आनन्दित	happiness
wit	:	(विट), बुद्धि, समझ	understanding
meadows	:	(मीडोज), घास का मैदान	field of grass
shade	:	(शेड), छाया	image
chorus	:	(कोरस), गायक दल	group of singers

B. COMPREHENSION

B.1 Think and Tell

B.1.1 Answer the following:

1. How do the green woods laugh?
2. Where do the painted birds laugh?
3. How does the green hill laugh?

B.2 Think and Write

B.2.1 Fill in the blanks:

The greenwood laughs with the voice of

The air laughs with our wit.

Mary, Susan and Emily 'ha, ha, he'

The painted birds laugh in the

Our table is spread with cherries and

B.2.2 Tick (✓) the right option to each of the following:

1. When the air does laugh with our merry wit."Our merry wit" means:
 - (a) Our laughing
 - (b) Our natural aptitude for using our words and ideas in a quick and inventive way to create humour
 - (c) The air laughing

2. When the painted birds laugh in the shade. Here painted birds means:
 - (a) Birds painted by an artist
 - (b) Colourful birds.

3. Whom does the poet invite to sing the sweet chorus of 'ha, ha, he'?:
 - (a) Everyone
 - (b) Mary, Susan and Emily
 - (c) The painted birds

B.2.3 Answer each of the following in not more than 50 words.

1. Why is laughter called a sweet chorus?
2. Describe the scene around the poet.
3. Write the theme of the poem in your own words.

C. WORD POWER

C.1 Match words in column 'A' with those in column 'B':

'A'

Woods

Stream

Meadows

'B'

fields of grass

river

densely grown trees

Merry a song sung by many people together
Chorus happy

C.2 Use the following words in sentences of your own:

joy, voice, wit, noise, shade

D. LETS' RHYME

Can you find out the rhyming words for the following:

Wit
joy
green
shade

E. LET'S TALK AND WRITE

Discuss in pairs the theme of the poem and then write a paragraph on it.

F. COMPOSITION

F.1 What do you see in the picture? Describe it in six sentences.



G. TRANSLATION

Translate the following into your mother tongue :

The green woods laugh.

The dimpling stream runs.

The moon shines in the sky.

The stars twinkle.

The trees sing a beautiful song.

H. LET'S PLAY

H.1 Word Search Puzzle

Find out the names of the natural objects in the following Word Search Puzzle :

(Could you search out tree, meadows, star, river, sun, moon, flower, woods, stream, cloud, sky, earth?)

p	c	m	e	a	d	o	w	s	h
e	l	h	s	n	s	u	m	f	i
a	o	t	t	r	u	v	o	g	j
r	u	r	a	i	n	b	o	w	k
t	d	e	r	v	q	w	n	o	l
h	d	e	k	e	r	x	b	o	m
a	e	s	t	r	e	a	m	d	n
f	l	o	w	e	r	y	c	s	o
b	f	i	l	o	s	z	d	k	p
c	g	j	m	p	t	a	e	y	q

