

Lesson - 1

1. MY MOTHER

A. WARMER

Whenever in trouble or pain, the word 'Maa' comes naturally to us. Can you explain why it is so?

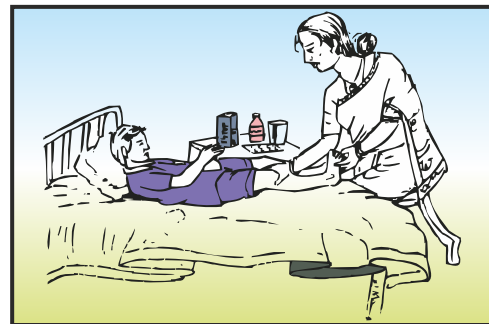
◆ *Now read and enjoy this poem :*

Who sat and watched my infant head
When sleeping on my cradle bed,
And tears of sweet affection shed?
My mother.



When pain and sickness made me cry,
Who gazed upon my heavy eye?
And wept for fear that I should die?
My mother.

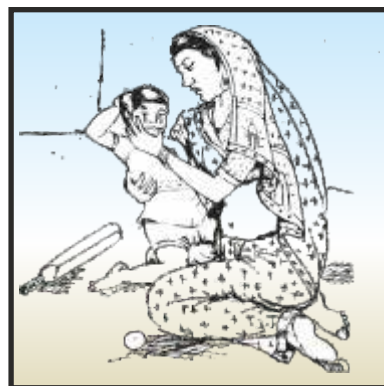
Who ran to help me when I fell
And would some pretty story tell,
Or kiss the place to make it well?
My mother.



And can I ever cease to be
Affectionate and kind to thee,
Who was so very kind to me?
My mother?

Ah, no! the thought I cannot bear,
And if God please my life to spare,
I hope I shall reward thy care,
My mother!

When thou art old, feeble and grey,
My healthy arm shall be thy stay,
And I'll soothe thy pains away,
My mother!



ANNTAYLOR

GLOSSARY AND NOTES

watched	:	(वाचड), निहारती थी	looked, noticed
infant	:	(इन्फैन्ट), बच्चा, शिशु	young baby
cradle	:	(क्रैडल), पालना	a device to swing the baby
sickness	:	(सिकनेस), बीमारी	illness
gaze	:	(गेज), ताकना	look without a blink, stare
pretty	:	(प्रीटी), सुन्दर	beautiful
cease	:	(सीस), बन्द होना	stop
bear	:	(बीयर), सहना	tolerate
spare	:	(स्पेयर), बचना	survive
feeble	:	(फीबल), दुर्बल	weak

B. COMPREHENSION

B.1 Think and Tell

B.1.1 Answer the following:

1. Who cares for the infants?
2. Why does the mother weep when her child falls ill?
3. What does she do when her child falls down?
4. What will you do for your mother when she is old?

B.2 Think and Write

B.2.1 Answer in a word or sentence :

1. Who wrote this poem?
2. What does a mother do when her child is very young?
3. The mother wept when her child was ill. What fear did she have?

B.2.2 Answer in not more than 50 words :

1. How can you say that a mother loves her child very much?
2. Why should we not be unkind to our mother?
3. Can you ever be unkind to your mother? Give reasons for your answer.
4. Write any incident of your life which shows your mother's intimate affection towards you.

C. WORD POWER

C.1 Go through the text again and again and find out in the text the words that have the same meaning as given below:

- I. love
- II. illness
- III. lovely

D. TRANSLATION

D.1 Translate the following lines from the poem into your mother tongue :

When pain and sickness made me cry,
Who gazed upon my heavy eye?
And wept for fear that I should die?
My mother.

