

# Keeping quiet

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## Poetry section

Textual question & answers :

Q.1. What will counting up to twelve and keeping still help us achieve?

Ans : Most of the ills and troubles of the world are caused by of our rush and hurry. Keeping still will give us the necessary respite for peace.

Therefore the poet urges us to keep still till he counts up to twelve so that we may get peace.

Q. 2. Do you think the poet advocates total inactivity and death ?

Ans : No, he doesn't advocate total inactivity and death. Total inactivity means death which the poet never likes. His stillness stands for cessation of hostile and harmful human activities.

Q. 3. What is the ' sadness ' that the poet refers to in the poem ?

Ans : Man's sadness is caused by his own thinking and actions. He fails to understand himself . His rush and

hurry cause trouble. Due to his thinking and actions he is always threatening himself with death.

Q. 4. What symbol from nature does the poet invoke to say that there can be life under apparent stillness ?

Ans : The poet doesn't want us to confuse 'stillness with total inactivity' there can be life under apparent stillness. The poet invokes the earth as a living symbol to prove his point. The earth never likes total inactivity. Nature remains at work even under clear stillness and it keeps the earth alive.