

Chapter 1: In Time of Silver Rain

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Find the pairs of rhyming words used at the end of the lines in the poem.

SOLUTION

rain - plain

Heads - spreads

sing - spring

cry - sky

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Read the poem aloud using proper intonation.

SOLUTION

Students do it on your own.

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If you were to draw a landscape on the basis of this poem, what elements will you show in it? What colours will you use?

SOLUTION

If I were to draw a landscape on the basis of this poem, I would show elements like a patch of lush green grass stretching far and wide, small flowers growing all over the plain tossing their heads, brightly coloured butterflies happily fluttering, a rainbow stretching across the sky. I would also show a tree-lined road, and under the blue sky, I would show boys and girls walking down the road enjoying themselves in the rain. I would use all sorts of colours. Green being prominent, I would also use shades of bright colours to depict life, liveliness and joy in nature during spring.

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Write one or two sentences about something beautiful, using your own experience or imagination.

Then rearrange the words in the sentences in a poetic form.

You may write about a beautiful day, a beautiful night, a stream, a crop standing in a field, a graceful bird or animal, etc.

SOLUTION

- a. **A new day**
Lessons to explore
Each new day hides
Like a pearl a diver finds
From the ocean deep and wide.
- b. **A beautiful night**
Bathed in moonlight serene,
The night appears by the plains once green.
The stars like pearls shine
And adorn the night's cloak.
- c. **A graceful animal Walks**
in all its beauty
The crowned and proud feline.
Lo and behold! the majesty
As it leaps from the dark ravine.
- d. **A stream -**
Babbling down the mountains
With rains for their curtains,
To see a graceful stream
Is but a poet's dream.
- e. **A crop standing in the field**
Symbol of sweat and strife
The mustards are ripe and ready
The yellow pods strive but fail in the winds.
To remain still and steady.

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Fill in the following blanks with reference to the poem.

'In a time of rain when spring and life are _____, the butterflies lift _____ wings to catch a _____ cry and trees put forth _____ leaves to sing in _____ beneath the sky as _____ boys and girls too _____ singing down the roadway'.

SOLUTION

In a time of rain when rain and life are new, the butterflies lift silken wings To catch a rainbow cry and trees put forth new leaves to sing In joy beneath the sky as passing boys and girls to go singing down the roadway.

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Think and answer:

Is the poet talking about heavy rains in the rainy season or rain that has come after a long time?

SOLUTION

The poet is talking about the rain that has come after a long time.

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Think and answer:

Are the boys and girls happy that it is raining?

SOLUTION

Yes, the poet says that the boys and girls are singing as they pass down the roadway in the rain, so they are obviously happy that it is raining.

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Find out the following with the help of your teacher and the internet.

- Seasonal Rains (monsoon) in India and other countries.

SOLUTION

A monsoon is a seasonal change in the direction of the prevailing winds of a region. The summer and winter monsoon determine the climate for most of India and Southeast Asia. The summer monsoon is associated with heavy rainfall between April and September. It brings humid climate and torrential rainfall to India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and Myanmar after blowing from the southwest Indian Ocean. Agriculture in these countries relies on these seasonal rains. Too little of it causing drought and too much of it causing floods and the resultant loss of life and property. Winter monsoon that starts in the air above Mongolia and northwestern China is less powerful than its summer equivalent. As these winds change direction with the change of seasons; the rains they bring along are called seasonal rains.

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Find out the following with the help of your teacher and the internet.

Rain in countries like the UK which experience spring-summer-autumn-winter.

SOLUTION

The United Kingdom experiences plentiful rainfall all year round. The western part of the UK experiences winter rains. However, in Australia, the wet season is associated with cyclones and monsoon rains. The rains here occur in between December and March, i.e. the summer season (the southern hemisphere). Thunderstorms are common here during this period.

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Talk about your favourite season. (A one-minute activity.)

SOLUTION

My favourite season is winter as with the cold that it brings, it also brings an opportunity to sit by the fire-place and read my favourite book. The snow-dad landscapes look divine and radiate peace. What a pleasure it is to eat in this season! Keeping myself warm under the quilt and sharing roasted peanuts with my siblings is a past time that brings immense joy.

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Find an example of alliteration from the poem.

SOLUTION

Green grasses grow.