

3.3 To a Butterfly

Warming up!

Chit-Chat

- What games did you play when you were a small child - in pre-primary or primary school?
- Who were your playmates?
- What do you remember best from that time?

Ans. I play games like:-

Textures Walk

Table Manners Week

Brain Teasers

Vegetable Market Scene

Pretend Play

Display of Animals/ Vehicles

Science is Fun

News Week

Traffic Signs

Hygiene Week

My playmates are my school friends

Childhood is best part of life

Short Poems

- Use the following formats to write your own poems.

Ans. Student can think and write your own

1. Pick out from the first stanza, four expressions where the poet pleads with the butterfly not to go away:

Ans. (1) STAY near me

(2) do not take thy flight!

(3) A little longer stay in sight!

(4) Float near me; do not yet depart!

2. Match the words/lines and their meaning:

Words/Lines	Meaning
(1) Do not take thy flight	(a) reminder of my childhood days
(2) Much converse do I find in thee	(b) I want to talk to you about many things

(3) Historian of my infancy	(c) Do not fly away
(4) Dead time revive in thee	(d) I rushed upon the prey (butterfly)
(5) A very hunter did I rush upon the prey	(e) In you, I see the time that has gone by

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(5) A very hunter did I rush upon the prey - I rushed upon the prey (butterfly)

3. Say WHO -

(a) Reminds the poet of his childhood

Ans. Butterfly

(b) Is afraid to touch the butterfly

Ans. Poet's sister

(c) Is like a hunter

Ans. The poet

(d) Is the poet's sister

Ans. Emmeline

4. Sometimes, the normal word order is changed in the lines of a poem, to emphasise something or to make the lines sound better. This change in word order is called 'inversion'.

Can you find examples of inversion in this poem? Write them down. Then rewrite the lines using regular word order and compare the effect.

Example: • A little longer stay in sight!

• Stay in sight a liittle longer.

Ans. (1) Much converse do I find in thee.

Regular word order: I do find much converse in thee.

(2) You bring'st, gay creature as thou art!

A Solemn image to my heart, My father's family! Regular word order: As thou art gay creature you bringst a solemn image (of) my father's family to my heart!

5. The rhyme scheme of the first stanza is aabbcbccb. Now write the rhyming words in the second stanza.

Ans. Do it your own

Note the words 'rush', 'bush', 'brush'. Their spellings look similar, but the pronunciation of the words is different. It is known as eye rhyme. Find examples of 'eye rhymes' and true rhymes from other sources.

Ans. Do it your own