

CHAPTER-02**IT WAS LONG AGO****Extracts****1.**

I'll tell you, shall I, something I remember?

Something that still means a great deal to me.

It was long ago.

- i) What will the poet tell about?
- ii) What does it mean to the poet?
- iii) How is the poet's mood in this stanza?
- iv) Name the poem and the poet.

2.

A dusty road in summer I remember,
A mountain, and an old house, and a tree
That stood, you know,

- i) Describe the condition of the road.
- ii) What other elements of nature did the poet encounter?
- iii) Which season is being mentioned here?
- iv) What does the poet recall?

3.

And while she hummed, and the cat purred, I remember
How she filled a saucer with berries and cream for me
So long ago.

- i) What does the recall the old woman doing for her?
- ii) Why did the old woman hum?
- iii) What was the cat doing?
- iv) Name the poetic device used in the first first line.

4.

She seemed the oldest thing I can remember.

But then perhaps I was not more than three.

It was long ago.

- i) Which oldest thing does the poet tell about?
- ii) How old was the poet ?
- iii) How does the poet express her feelings in this stanza?
- iv) Locate the antonym of 'youngest' in the extract.

2. Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each.

- i) Where was the old woman sitting? What did she invite the speaker for?
- ii) List the things the speaker remembers.
- iii) What words are repeated through out the poem? What is the significance of this repetition?
- iv) Explain the significance of the last line of the poem 'Then I grew up, you see'.
- v) Why does the speaker say that the old woman seemed to know what it meant to be three?
- vi) What was the speaker doing when she saw the old woman?
- vii) What does the poet remember about her past?

3. Answer the question in 80-100 words.

- i) Narrate the mood of the poet expressed through out the poem.
- ii) What elements does the poet recall in the poem? How do those affect the poet's mood?
- iii) Does the poet seem nostalgic in this poem? How?
- iv) What is the farthest the poet can remember when he grew up?