

MCB

STD-VIII

SUBJECT : ENGLISH
CHAPTER NUMBER: 2
PERIOD NUMBER : 2
CHAPTER NAME :IT WAS LONG AGO
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CHANGING YOUR TOMORROW

EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES

GENERAL OBJECTIVES

- Recitation of the poem
- Being acquainted with poem and poet's biography
- Understanding the idea
- Appreciate the language of the poem
- Developing LSRW Skills

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES/ EXTENDED OBJECTIVES

- Developing love towards small but meaningful things
- Being acquainted with the value of small things
- Understanding the idea of rural culture
- Appreciate the beauty of countryside
- Create the images of pastoral India



INTRODUCTION TO THE POET



A testimony to perseverance, Eleanor was encouraged to be a writer from the very childhood which she proved a cake walk by appreciating the beauty of life and nature through her writing. She started accepting what the life threw at her and jot them down in her papers. This poem also throws light on here sweet memories.

Born: 13 February 1881 in London, England, UK Died: 5 June 1965 (aged 84) in Hampstead, London, England Nationality: British Genres: Wrote children's literature – stories, poems etc. Awards: Carnegie Medal 1955; Hans Christian Andersen Award 1956

THEME OF THE POEM

- The records the poet's earliest memory.
- An incident that occurred when she was around three years old.
- While walking along a dusty road, she saw an old lady sitting under a tree.
- The lady invited her over and gave her bilberries and cream to eat, a 'feast' that the poet recalls with pleasure.
- Although it seems as if the poem has no serious theme or purpose, the last lines suggest some importance, more than just telling about her childhood.
- She shows that this simple, pleasant memory means much to her.



GET GOING

A.1.The speaker was three years old when these events happened.

2.The speaker was standing behind the old house when she saw the old woman.

3.The old woman was sitting under a tree humming happily. She invited the speaker to serve her bilberries and tea.

4.The speaker remembers the dusty road, the old woman, the tree, a mountain, an old house and a tree.

B. The speaker says so as the old woman is the oldest member and has seen the speaker growing up doing all her activities. She has seen the speaker do all her activities during her childhood days.

2. 'I remember' is repeated in the poem signifying the importance the poet gives to the past and her memories.

3.When she grew up, all those things lost their beauty for the poet and the society also underwent changes and those things did not remain beautiful as they used to be in her childhood.

- 1.a)snapped-break something suddenly
- b)Plopped-sound of something falling into water
- c)Cooing-(of a pigeon or dove) make a soft murmuring sound.
- d)Crying-shed tears, typically as an expression of distress, pain, or sorrow.
- e)Sniff-sound of sniffing.



- 2.a)screeched-to utter or make a harsh, shrill cry or sound
- b)Zaps-move or cause to move suddenly and rapidly.
- c)Clatter-a continuous rattling sound as of hard objects falling or striking each other.
- d)Whizzed-move quickly through the air with a whistling or buzzing sound.
- e)gargle-wash one's mouth and throat with a liquid that is kept in motion



Homework—

Comprehension, Vocabulary, grammar & 1 page handwriting

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