

# BEEHIVE

**STD-IX**

**SUBJECT- LITERATURE**

**CHAPTER - 3**

**TOPIC- RAIN ON THE ROOF**

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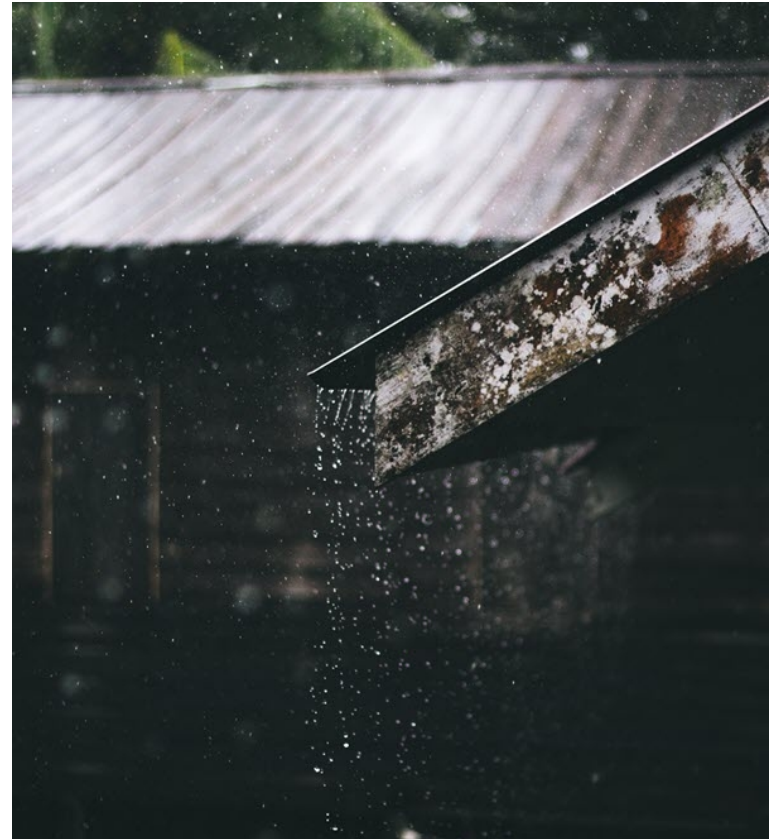
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# RAIN ON THE ROOF



**BY COATES  
KINNEY**

# LEARNING OBJECTIVES:

## 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

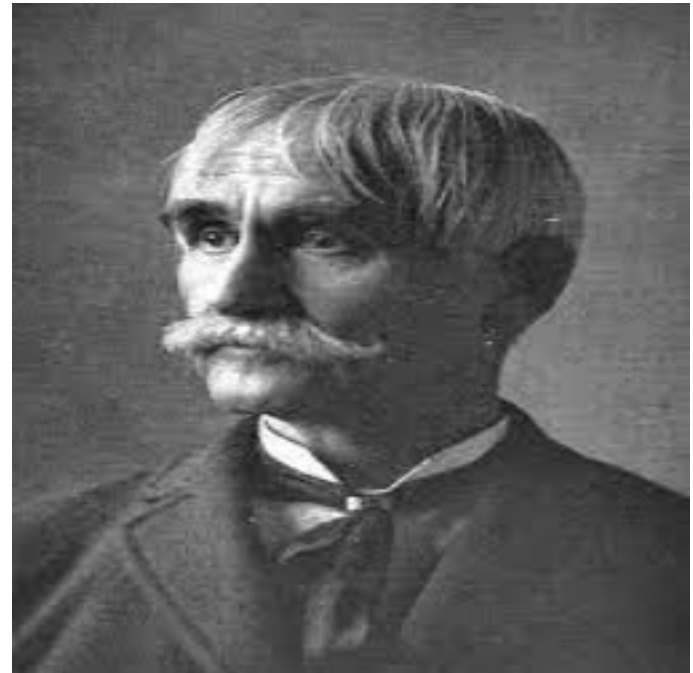
## SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES/ EXTENDED OBJECTIVES

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# THE POET:

Kinney was born at Kinney's Corners, New York. He was educated at Antioch College, Ohio, but did not graduate. He was admitted to the bar in 1856, and became connected editorially with journals in Xenia and Cincinnati, Ohio, Springfield, Illinois, and elsewhere. He served in the Civil War as major and paymaster, and later was active in Ohio Republican politics, being a Senator in the state legislature, 1882-1883.

His verses were collected in *Keeuka*, and other poems (1855) and *Lyrics of the Ideal and the Real* (1888). One of his lyrics set to music, "Rain on the Roof," was widely popular.



# THEME OF THE POEM:

- This poem tells us about the poet's sweet memory of his childhood.
- At night, when dark clouds cover the sky and it rains gently then the poet lies in his cosy bed and listens to the sound of the raindrops falling overhead on the roof of his cottage.
- The poet remembers the loving look of his mother who used to shower love and affection on her children.



## STANZA 3

Now in memory comes my  
mother,  
As she used in years agone,  
To regard the darling dreamers  
Ere she left them till the dawn:  
O! I feel her fond look on me  
As I list to this refrain  
Which is played upon the  
shingles  
By the patter of the rain.



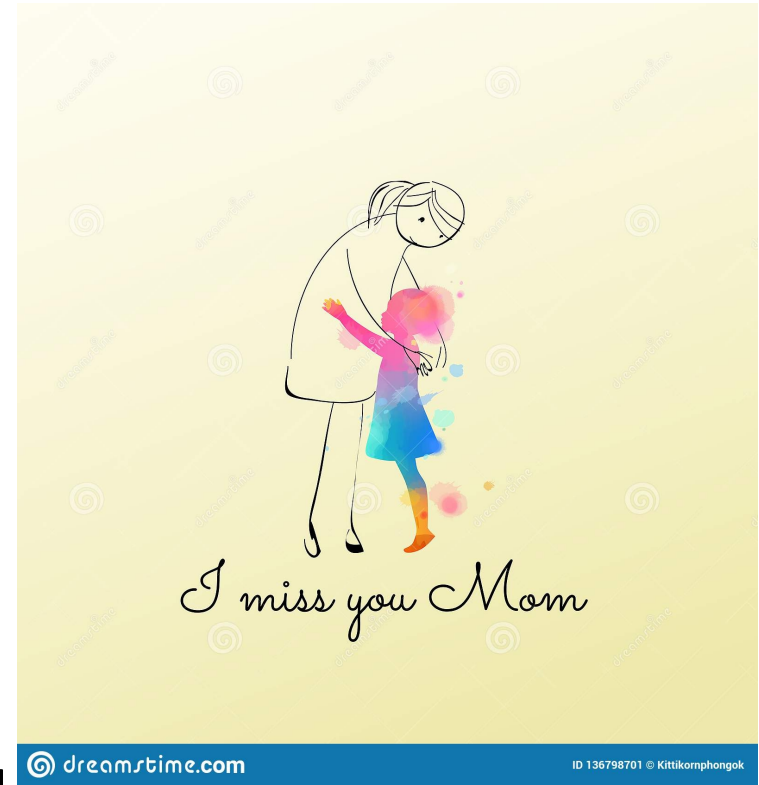
# EXPLANATION

- Here, the poet introduces his mother. He says that he is dreaming of his mother.
- As he had told in the previous stanza that rain brings memories of the past – it is the memory of his mother who is no longer alive.
- In the past, she used to love him a lot, she used to consider him a darling and she would let him sleep till daybreak and have sweet dreams.



# MEMORIES REKINDLED

- The poet can still feel that his mother is looking at him as he listens to the song made by the raindrops falling on the rooftop of his room.
- The sound of the rain makes him correlate his past with his present.
- That is why the poet is moved by the sound of the raindrops on the shingles of his room. Whenever he hears this sound it brings back memories of the past and he is reminded of his mother.





# POETIC DEVICES

- Alliteration: The repetition of a consonant sound in two or more consecutive words.
- ‘memory my mother’ - ‘m’ sound is repeating
- ‘Darling dreamers’ - ‘d’ sound is repeating
- Onomatopoeia: The use of sound words to create a dramatic effect and auditory imagery.



# VOCABULARY

- ere: old poetic word for 'before'
- dawn: day break
- list: old poetic word for 'listen'
- refrain: a repeated part of a song or a poem; here, the sound of the rain



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