The Plaint of the Camel

STUDY NOTES

The camel complains regarding food. It says that the Canary birds are given sugars to eat. Most parrots eat flowers, fruits and insects. They have a strong jaws that allow them to snap open cover to get the seeds. Poodles are a breed a of dog. It enjoys eating noodles, chickens and cream for the lunch, but poor camel; he compares his food with Canary birds, parrot and poodles as whatever is given to them for eating, they eat it as they can digest it. No particular diet is followed, where as camel can eat only leafy vegetable, or branches, that is why it is different.

In this stanza the camel complains about its sleeping place. It says that everyone has a resting place. Like a cat can sleep on a chair. Chickens can rest in farms. Puppies can sleep in a stable, oysters can rest in pails.

All of them have a particular place to sleep, but our poor camel doses off anywhere it does, not having a particular place to sleep. The camel sleeps in the open area of a dessert and does not have a specified place, where it can go and take a nap.

In this stanza the poet says that the camel complains regarding the dwelling place. It compares itself with a lamb, whose dwelling place is surround on all side and is not visible to anyone, so that it can rest. Then it compares itself to a hen, who also stays in its home called coop. Kitten has a well heated room to dwell and pigs are kept carefully in their home, called pens. All of them have a particular place to live. However, a camel has only sand as its dwelling place as desert is his habitat.

In this stanza, the poet says that the camel is complaining as how people use it and put any amount of weight or burden on its back. People also sit on its back to travel. However, no one rides on a giraffe, ox, rabbit or a fox. Humans have used camel as a means of transpiration for thousands of years.

The poet says that the camel is complaining about its look and its features. It says that all animals have a sleek feature like that of a snake, who insipte of being so big, can enter a hole in the ground. weasels have long and thin fur covered body with a light under belly, short legs, small head and rounded ears. Alligator has a long armed body and thick skins or bony plates, whereas lizards have dry skin with four legs and a long tail. But the camel is sad for its shape as he is having a bumpy and humpy shape.