

# THE GIANT

## STUDY-NOTES

Fears are personified as a giant



It comes to intimidate the speaker

The speaker is scared



But the speaker doesn't let that show on her face.

Speaker confronts the giant(fears)



The giant is petrified and vanishes.

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### Message of the poem

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The giant represents the attitude of those who like to show their superiority over timid and meek people. In the poem the giant came to the door of the speaker looking fierce and strong. It must have come with the idea of exercising some control over the speaker, similar to those who like to dominate timid and meek people. But the moment the speaker took control and faced the giant with a loud voice, the giant just crumbled and vanished into thin air. The poet wants to

highlight the importance of courage and bravery to be exercised when faced with danger or dominance.

## POETIC DEVICES

Sound patterns:

Irregular Rhyme: door – flow; strong – long; through – you..

Internal rhyme: scowled – frowned-ground; cried - pride

Repetition: through- through; Is this- Is this

Alliteration: His step was heavy; At length I looked; And cried, Who cares; saw the sunshine; blood-red eyes turned blue

Figures of Speech:

Personification: Fears personified as a giant

Simile: blue as skies

Extended Metaphor/ Allegory: Our fears that vanish when we face them squarely are compared to the giant who disintegrates.