

THE GIANT

QUESTION BANK

A. Read the lines and answer the questions.

1. *Such giants come to strike us dumb,
But weak in every part,
They melt before the strong man's eyes,
And fly the true of heart*

- What does the speaker mean by 'such giants'?
- Why does one get scared of a giant?
- How can one defeat these giants?

2. *I trembled through and through;
At length I looked him in the face
And cried, "Who cares for you?"*

- What does the speaker mean by "Who cares for you"?
- Why was the speaker trembling?
- How did she face the giant?

3. *The mighty giant, as I spoke
Grew pale and thin and small,
And through his body as't were smoke,*

- Why did the giant grow pale and small?
- What does the giant symbolise here?
- Write the opposite of 'big' from the stanza.

4. *His blood-red eyes turned blue as skies,
He whispered soft and low,
"Is this" I cried, with growing pride,
"Is this the mighty foe?"*

- Write down the simile used in the lines above.
- What do you mean by foe?
- Why did the blood-red eyes turn blue as skies?

B. Answer in brief.

1. How did the giant appear to the speaker?
2. What are the figures of speech used in the poem. Give examples of each.
3. How did the speaker face the giant? What change came upon the giant?
4. What is the message in the poem?
5. What do the giant and the speaker represent according to you?
6. Write a summary of the poem.
7. How can our fears be defeated?

