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Ch-2- The Schoolboy Worksheet

1) Read the given extract and answer the questions that follow.

I love to rise in a summer morn,
When the birds sing on every tree;
The distant huntsman winds his horn,
And the skylark sings with me:
O what sweet company!

i) What does the poet love to do in a summer morning?

ans) The poet loves to rise in the summer morning.

ii) Does the poet seem happy in morning?

ans) The poet seems to be happy in the morning.

iii) Who do give company to the poet after he gets up in the morning?

ans) The singing birds on the tree, the distant huntsman's horn sound and the singing skylarks give company to the poet.

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iv) Explain, 'sweet company'

ans) The sweet company of the poet are the birds singing on the tree, the sound of the horn of the distant huntsman and the skylark singing in the morning. All of these provide a very sweet company to the poet.

2) Answer the following questions in 30-40 words each.

i) What was the boy's plea to his parents?

ans) The school boy's plea to his parents was that the parents should understand the need of the children and allow them to live and grow without compulsion. Going to school on a summer morning drove all his joy away that he got from nature. He also felt very uncomfortable under the strict and cruel eyes of the teachers that made them sit hours together in the classroom and read books.

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2) Why does the boy compare himself to a plant?

ans) The school boy compares himself to a plant because the plants are growing like school going children. If the childhood of a child is destroyed like the nipping of a bud from a plant, then no flower can bloom. If the plants are stripped of buds, they can't grow. Similarly if the child's care and happiness are not given due attention his future cannot be bright and successful. One should take care of a child like a plant if they want them to grow healthy and fruitful.

3) Why can't the school boy take delight in his books?

ans) The boy can't take delight in his books as all his joy is driven away by going to school on summer mornings. He feels bored and spends many hours drooping in the classroom. At times, he also feels anxious.