

1. Read the given extract and answer the questions. (1x4)

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 in this poem is a school boy who is joyful and likes to awake in the fresh and delightful summer morning and also likes to listen to the chirping of birds on every tree, the sounds of horn blown by the hunter from a distance field and sweet songs of Skylark.

ii) Does the poet seem happy in morning?

Ans- No, the poet doesn't seem happy in morning.

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

Ans- The poet shares his delight on waking up in the summer morning. He describes the singing birds on every tree the sounds of horn blown by the hunter from distance field and the sweet songs of Skylark as his perfect sweet company after he gets up in the morning?

iv) Explain, 'Sweet company'.

Ans- The school boy feels relaxed on waking up in the summer morning where birds are chirping on every tree, the sound of horn blown by the hunter from a distance field and the sweet songs of Skylark. He was delighted and feel fresh by the beautiful surroundings of the summer morning. According to poet all these refers to Sweet company.



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

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

Ans- He appeals to his parents to save his childhood by saying that if his youth is shortened by such experiences then he will never be able to enjoy the remainder of his life either. If he is prevented from fully experiencing the joy of childhood then how sad it will be, when he will grow up and can no longer hope to do so. In the same way a child who is deprived of natural joy and delight in the childhood stage can never grow as a cheerful and optimistic person. So, the parents should understand the needs of children and allow them to live and grow without any compulsion.

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

Ans- The boy compares himself to a plant because children are like tender plants who should be dealt with care. If he is suppressed too much, he fails to grow to full size. If the buds are ripped, how can these bloom, if the plants are stripped how there will be joy in spring time. It implies that if childhood pleasure is suppressed, he might grow into a pessimistic adult.

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

Ans- The ~~can't~~ boy can't take delight in his books because he is attracted towards the nature as all his joy is driven away by going to school on summer morning. He feels bored and spends many hours drooping in the classroom. At times he also feels ~~an~~ anxious.