

Reading

A. Read these lines from the poem and answer the questions.

1. Determined, it spread its wings one day.

a. Who is the 'it' in this line?

ans: The 'it' refers to the flower in this line.

b. What was 'it' determined to do? How did 'it' achieve its desire?

ans: It was determined to fly. The flower spread its wings one day, turned into a butterfly and achieved its desire to fly away.

2. The lamp wondered, day after day /
How nice if I could simply fly away
for a long time?

ans: *

a. What tells you that the lamp had dreamed of away long time?

ans: The lamp wondered day after day, if it could simply fly away.

The use of the words day after day, tells us that the lamp had dreamed of flying away for a long time.

b. How did it fulfill its dream?

ans: The lamp grew its own wings, turned into a firefly and achieved its dream of flying away.

3. Alas! thought the pond. never still I lie.

(a) How was the pond feeling? What tells you that?

ans: The pond feels sad and hopeless. It can see birds, flying happily in the sky, while it has lie still on the ground. This tells us that it is sad.

(b) Whom did the pond compare itself to?

ans: The pond compared itself with the birds

(c) How did the pond get what it wanted?

ans: It grew wings of metal one day, turned into a cloud and achieved its wish to float away.

4. "Will one of my wishes ever come true?"

(a) Who said these words?

ans: The speaker said these words.

(b) ~~What~~ What did they wish for?

Will it ever come true?

ans: The speaker wishes to be free like birds, fish and horse. His ~~old~~ wish will come true. In his imagination he desires to have wings like birds and fly away which may not be possible in reality but his longing for adventure can most certainly be fulfilled. With determination and true will, man can travel all around the world, climb the highest of mountains and swim with the fish in the deepest of oceans.

Ans: Think and Answer.

1. The pond envies the whose reflections. They have the freedom the pond does not. to turn into either cloud. Why do and the flower and a butterfly?

ans: The lamp could around it at. tern into a f. Similarly the butterfly to from it, a another flower. The flower away like

B. Think and Answer.

1. The pond envies the birds and the clouds whose reflections it sees on its surface. They have the freedom to fly, which the pond does not. And so, the pond wishes to turn into either a bird or a cloud. Why do you think the lamp and the flower want to be a firefly and a butterfly respectively?

ans: The lamp could see fireflies hovering around it at night. So it wished to turn into a firefly and fly away. Similarly the flower could see how butterflies to taste sweet nectar from it, and flew away to another flower or to another garden. The flower also wished to flutter away like a butterfly.

2. Do you think the objects really wish to fly away or is it the speaker who imagines this? Why?

ans: It is the boy who wishes to fly. He imagines the flower, the lamp and the pond as having the same desire as him because he too longs to be free and liberated like birds, fish and horses.

3. How can the speaker make his dream come true? What qualities will he require?

ans: If the speaker works towards his goal with strength and determination he can make his desire for adventure a reality. With passion and enthusiasm he can make his dreams come true.

c) Appreciating The Poem:

1. What is the rhyme scheme of the poem?

ans: ~~aabb~~ ~~bb~~ aabb bbcc dabb eeff

2. (a) What objects have been personified in this poem? What do they say and how do they feel?

ans: The objects are the flower, the lamp and the pond. In the poem the flower imagines, the lamp wonders, and the pond thinks. Imagining, wondering and thinking are human characteristics. Hence the flower, the lamp and the pond are made human with these human like qualities.

(b) Does Personification make the poem more vivid and interesting? How?

ans: Yes this makes the poem more vivid because the objects in the poem appear more life like and real when they ~~and~~ think and talk like humans.