

## Thinking about the Poem

1. How old do you think Amanda is? How do you know this?

Ans: Amanda's age could be between 10-12 years old. We can know because of reference to mermaid or Rapunzel. These stories are read by children of age group 10-12 years.

2. What do you think is speaking to her?

Ans: One of her parents is speaking to her.

We think that it could be her mother because generally children's care is taken care of by their mothers.

3. Why are stanzas 2, 4 and 6 given in parenthesis?

Ans - Parenthesis is a remark that is added to a sentence, often to provide an explanation. So, in stanza 2, 4 and 6 parenthesis is used to describe the reaction of child Amanda towards her mother's continuous nagging.

4. Who is the speaker in stanzas 2, 4 and 6? Do you think this speaker is listening to the speaker in stanzas 1, 3, 5 and 7?

Ans - The speaker in stanzas 2, 4 and 6 ~~is~~ is Amanda. No, she is not paying any attention to what her mother says. She is lost in her imagination herself as a mermaid, an orphan and Rapunzel.

5. What could Amanda do if she were a mermaid?

Ans: The little girl Amanda wants to be a mermaid and the only resident of the beautiful green sea. She thinks that her life will be very relaxing in the sea and she will be far away with the currents of water.

6. Is Amanda an orphan? Why does she say so?

Ans: No, Amanda is not an orphan. She said so because she is depressed because of continuous scolding of her parents. Therefore she feels that it would have been much better and peaceful if she would have been an orphan.