

The Ball Poem

Thinking about the poem

1 Why does the poet say "I would not intrude on him"? Why doesn't he offer him money to buy another ball?

Ans The poet says "I would not intrude on him" because he does not want to intervene in the natural process of learning. He wants the boy to learn the meaning of loss on his own. He also doesn't offer him money to buy another ball because that would be counterproductive. He wants the boy to learn the lesson of responsibility.

20 Steering down all his young days into the garbage where his ball went. Do you think the boy had the ball for a long time? Is it true? Yes, the boy has had the ball for a long time. When it boomed into the water, all his memories of the days of childhood flashed in front of him. This led to a realization.

that those ornaments could not come back just like the ball. He can buy new balls and can similarly create new moments but then that one you could not replace.

30 What does 'In the world'

passion' mean?

Ans: 'In the world of passion' means that the world is full of materialistic things. Here everything and every action is made to pass something whether it is the passion of land, property, money or any other thing. The poet suggests that buying a ball costs a very small thing, would make the boy understand what it's like to lose something that is once possessed.

4 Do you think the boy has lost anything earlier? Or, No it seems that the boy had not lost anything earlier. The poet suggests so on 'It seems that the boy has lost a world of passion'.