

Amanda

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

Ans. Amanda is about a 9-10 years old school girl. She is being scolded for typical things typical for that particular age. Her parents are trying to inculcate in her good manners and etiquettes. Amanda is a very innocent and immature.

2. Who do you think is speaking to her?

Ans. One of her parents is speaking to her. Most probably it is her mother. In a traditional household mother is held responsible for the conduct of child. In this case also, the range of instructions suggests that the speaker is Amanda's mother.

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

Ans. Stanzas 2, 4 and 6 are given in parentheses because they reflect the inner thoughts of Amanda. They can

to be taken as the reaction of the child on the instructions given to him as the reaction of the child to the - 1, 3 and 5. Here there is an alternate sequence of scolding of the mother and corresponding reactions given by the child. Also, ~~parents~~ parents is used here to make the reading of the poem friendly.