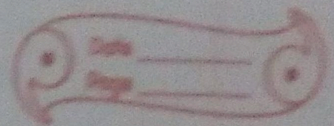


## Ch - Amanda



Thinking about the poem.

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

Ans) Amanda is about a 9-10 year old school going girl. She is being scolded for things typical for that particular age. Her parents are trying to inculcate in her good manners & etiquettes. Amanda is very innocent & 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 Stanzas 2, 4 & 6 give in parenthesis?

Ans) Stanzas 2, 4 & 6 are given in parenthesis because they reflect the inner thoughts of a moment. They can be taken as the reaction of the child for the instructions given in Stanzas 1, 3 & 5. Hence, there is an attempt sequence of scolding of the mother, & corresponding reaction to it given by the child. Also, parenthesis is used here to make the reading of the poem fun.