

Summary of the Poem =

An old beggar woman catches hold of the sleeve of the speaker and insists on getting a fifty paisa coin in alms. She tags along with him and promises that she will take him to the horse shoe temple. If he tells her that he has already seen the temple, she hobbles along with him and catches hold of his shirt tightly and again insists on getting a fifty paisa coin. She will not let him

go. Like all other old woman, she, too, sticks to him like a burr (prickly seed case of plants which sticks to clothes). He turns around and wants to get rid of her. In order to end this useless activity, he tells her firmly to leave him. When she remarks, "What else can an old woman do on hills as wretched as these".

He looks right at the sky in contemplation. As he looks on her, he finds that the crack that begin around her eyes have spread beyond her skin. The dew of the old woman has spread to the hips and the temples and in our lives. The old woman stands there alone. And he reduced to the small change in her hand.

H.W

Get Going =

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Let us find the answers from the poem

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Fill in the blanks with words or phrases