

Q/A

Reading

1) Read these lines from the poem and answer the questions.

1) Determined, it spread its wings  
one day.....

a) Who is the 'it' in this line?

Ans The 'it' refers to the flower in this line.

b) What was 'it' determined to do? How did 'it' achieve its desire?

Ans It was determined to fly. The flower spread its wings one day, turned into a butterfly and achieved its desire to fly away.

2) The lamp wondered, day after day/  
How nice if I could simply fly away!

a) What tells you that the lamp had dreamed of flying away for a long time?

As The lamp wondered day after day if it could simply fly away. The use of the words day after day, tells us that the lamp had dreamed of flying away for a long time.

b) How did it fulfil its dream?

As The lamp grew its own wings turned into a firefly and achieved its dream of flying away.

③ Alas! thought the pond: how still I lie.

a) How was the pond feeling? What tells you that?

As The pond feels sad and hopeless. It can see the birds, happily flying in the sky, while it has to lie still on the ground. This tells us that it is sad.

b) Whom did the pond compare itself to?

Ans The pond compared itself with the birds.

c) How did the pond get what it wanted?



Ans It grew wings of mist one day, turned into a cloud and achieved its wish to float away.

4) Will one of my wishes ever come true?

a) Who said these words?

Ans The speaker said these words.

b) What did they wish for? Will it ever come true?

Ans The speaker wishes to be free like birds, fish and horses. His wish will come true. In his imagination he desires to have wings like birds and fly away which may not be possible in reality but his longing for adventure

can most certainly be fulfilled. With determination and true will, man can travel all around the world, climb the highest of mountains and swim with the fish in the deepest of oceans.

⑩ Let us read between the lines.

① The pond envies the birds and the clouds whose reflections it sees on its surface. They have the freedom to fly, which the pond does not. And so, the pond wishes to turn into either a bird or a cloud. Why do you think the lamp and the flower want to be a firefly and a butterfly respectively?

② The lamp could see fireflies hovering around it at night. So, it wished to turn into a firefly and fly away. Similarly the flower could see how butterflies came to ~~test~~ taste sweet nectar from it and flew away to another flower or to another garden.

The flower also wished to flutter away like a butterfly.

2) Do you think the objects really wish to fly away or is it the speaker who imagines this? Why?

Ans It is the boy who wishes to fly. He imagines the flower, the lamp and the pond as having the same desire as him because he too longs to be free and liberated like birds, fishes and horses.

3) How can ~~get~~ the speaker make his dreams come true? What qualities will he require?

Ans If the speaker works towards his goal with strength and determination he can make his desire for adventure a reality. With passion and enthusiasm, he can make his dreams come true.

## Appreciating the poem

1) What is the rhyme scheme of the poem?

A) The rhyme scheme of the poem is:  
aabbccdddeeff.

2) a) What objects have been personified in this poem? What do they say and how do they feel?

A) The objects are the flower, the lamp and the pond in the poem, the flower imagines, the lamp wonders, and the pond thinks. Imagining, wondering and thinking are human characteristics. Hence, the flower, the lamp and the pond are made human with these human like qualities.

b) Does personification make the poem more vivid and interesting? How?

A) Yes, this makes the poem more vivid because, the objects in the poem appear more life like and real when they think ~~the~~ and talk like humans.