

The Tiger

1. What is happening to the tiger family?

Ans- The tiger family is being hunted and its numbers are reducing.

2. What have the poachers used Sheru's skin and bones for?

Ans- The poachers ground Sheru's bones to powder which would be used as some Chinese medicine. His bones and skin would be shipped to some place where they would be hung on the wall as decoration.

3. What power do people think tiger bones have?

Ans People think that the bones of the tiger would cure a sick man and bring him back to life.

4. According to the speaker, whose souls are sick? Why?

Ans - According to the speaker, the souls of the people killing the tigers are sick. He calls them sick because they are killing a beautiful animal just to experiment with its skin and bones in order to satisfy their own greed.

5. Why does the speaker say the tiger's black-and-gold won't shimmer now?

Ans - The speaker says the tiger's 'black-and-gold won't shimmer now' because it is not alive anymore.

6. Why have the tiger's bones ~~have~~ been packed? Where have they been shipped to?

Ans - The tiger's bones have been packed and made ready to send to the medicine makers.

Q. 1. Why do you think the tiger's skin is hanging on someone's wall? Why have they displayed it?

Ans- The tiger's skin is hanging on someone's wall as a show piece. Tiger's skin is illegally sold at extremely high price and those who own it consider it to be an object of pride. They display their wealth and prosperity by hanging the tiger's skin on their walls.

2. Read ~~this~~ these lines aloud.

Tyger Tyger, burning bright
In the forest of the night.

These lines are from William Blake's 18th-century poem The Tyger. This poem praised and highlighted the majesty of the tyger. How is Daruwalla's poem different from Blake's?

Ans- William Blake's poem The Tyger highlighted the majestic animal. He mourns for tigers. The tiger, according to him of the tiger and glorifies the animal. Paru-walla's poem Tiger, talks about the misery of the majestic animal. He mourns for tigers. The tiger, according to him is no longer the hunter, but has become the hunted. It has been captured and killed by humans. His poem explores the pitiful of the tiger now.

4 Appreciating the poem

1. Which line has been repeated in the poem? Why?

Ans- The line, The tiger isn't burning bright has been repeated in the poem for emphasis and effect. The poet tries to emphasise the plight of the endangered animal by repeating the line twice.

2. The speaker has shown us two very different images of the tiger in the poem. Compare these images. Can you tell why the speaker has drawn such a contrast.

~~The~~ Ans - In one image of the tiger, it is shown as the king of the forest. Mighty and powerful, his roar would scare all the birds and animals away in fear. His fur would shimmer in stripes of gold and black, as if it was burning like fire. In contrast to this image, the poet describes how the tiger is weak and powerless in the hands of humans. His beautiful skin is now shipped to be used as a lifeless ornament on someone's wall. His bones are being powdered to make some Chinese medicine. Tiger is now ~~is~~ a pitiful animal, at the mercy of mankind.

The ~~striped~~ stripes of gold and black on the tiger's skin are compared

to the golden colour of dawn and
to the darkness of night.