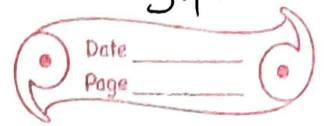


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## The Night of the Scorpion

### Introduction to the Poet (Nissim Ezekiel)

Nissim Ezekiel (1924-2004) was born in India to an Indian Jewish family. He studied in Bombay and London. He wrote eight collections of poetry and won the Akademi Award for a volume called 'Latter Day Psalms'.

What is Night of the Scorpion about?

Ans- The poem is about the night when a woman (the poet's mother) in a poor village in India is stung by a scorpion. Concerned neighbours pour into her ~~but~~ but to offer advice and help. All sorts of cures are tried by the neighbours, her husband and the holy man, but time proves to be the best healer. After twenty hours / it last its sting.

## VOCABULARY

1. Buzz: to make a continuous, low sound such as the one a bee makes.
2. Evil One: morally bad, cruel, or very unpleasant
3. Mudbaked: rectangular block of clay baked by the sun or in a kiln; used as a building paving material.
4. Sins: the offence of breaking, or the breaking of, a religious or moral law.
5. Twisted: bent so that the original shape is changed.
6. Spared: bent so that the original shape is changed.

## Literary Devices - Night of the Scorpion

Alliteration - Stung by a scorpion, Parting with his poison, diabolic tail in the dark, risked the rain, poison purify, through and through poured a little paraffin, flame feeding

Antonyms - previous / next, evil / good,  
sceptic / rationalist, curse / blessing.

Metaphor - Scorpion is the Evil One

Simile - like swarm of flies

Onomatopoeia - Buzzed

Personification - 1) Diabolic Tail  
2) He risked the rain again