

Q/Ans

Q Why do the courtiers call the prince 'the Happy Prince' ? Is he really happy ? What does he see all around him ?
The courtiers called the prince 'happy prince' because he was always happy. When he was alive he didn't know what tears were for he lived in palace. When he died he was not happy after seeing the state of his city.

Q Why does the Happy Prince send a ruby to the seamstress ? What does the swallow do in seamstress house ?
The happy prince sent a ruby to the seamstress as she was extremely poor and she couldn't feed her child with oranges who was suffering from fever.

On reaching the house of seamstress the swallow saw that the seamstress had fallen asleep as she was very tired so he kept the ruby on the table near her and

he also fanned the boy's head with his wings who was suffering from fever.

Q For whom does the prince send the sapphires and why?

The prince send the sapphires for the two people : the young writer and the matchgirl.

The young writer was trying to finish a play for the director of the theatre. But he was too cold to write anymore and there was no fire in the grate and hunger has made him faint. So the prince send his sapphire to the young writer so that he can sell it and get some firewood and finish his play.

The Happy prince then saw that a matchgirl's all the matches had fallen into gutter and if she would not take money to his home his father would beat her. So he told the swallow

to throw the other sapphire into the girl's hand.

Q What does the swallow see when it flies over the city?

When the swallow flies over the city he saw that rich people are making money and beggars sitting in front of their gates. He also saw the starving children in the lanes. Under the bridge it saw two boys lying on each other in order to keep themselves warm in the rain. They were also very hungry and they were told to leave the place by the watchman. These were the things seen by the sparrow.

Q Why did sparrow did not leave the prince and go to Egypt?

The sparrow did not leave the prince and went to Egypt because the prince had given his sapphire eyes to the needy and now he is blind so he decided to stay.

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with him even though prince insisted him to go to Egypt.

Q. What are the precious things mentioned in the story? Why are they precious? The two precious things mentioned in the story are prince's leaden heart and the dead swallow.

The were precious because they were kind. The prince was dead when he saw people suffering in his city. He gave his ruby and sapphires and gold to them. He didn't think about his look. He was concerned for the people even though he was dead.

The swallow was precious because he carried the things that prince told him to carry for the poor and he decided to stay with the prince even though he knows that he might die due to the cold. When the swallow died in winter he fell on prince's feet and (due) prince's leaden heart broke into two.