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4. Who is the speaker in stanza 2, 4 and 6? Do you think this speaker is listening to the speaker in stanzas 1, 3, 5 and 7?

Ans) The speaker in stanza 2, 4 and 6 is the child Amanda. No, Amanda is not listening to the speaker of stanza 1, 3, 5 and 7, as she is lost in the world of her imagination.

5. What could Amanda do if she were a mermaid?

If Amanda were a mermaid, then she would drift slowly on a languid emerald sea. She would be the sole inhabitant of the relaxed green sea and would move slowly on it.

6. Is Amanda an orphan? Why does she say so?

No, Amanda is not an orphan. She says so because she wants to be alone and enjoy being herself. She wants to roam around in the street alone and pattern dust with her bare feet. She finds silence golden and freedom 'Sweet'.

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7. Do you know the story of Rapunzel? Why does she want to be Rapunzel?

Rapunzel was a beautiful girl with ~~long~~ long gold hair who lived in a tower. She was held captive by an enchantress who used to come up the tower by climbing her long beautiful hair. Amanda wants to live in a tower like Rapunzel as she wants to live alone. She wouldn't have to care about anything and life in a tower would be calm and nice.

8. What does the girl yearn for? What does this poem tell you about Amanda?

The girl yearns for a life full of freedom. Amanda represents many children of her age who are victims of the too much control of their parents. Such children tend to live their freedoms in their thoughts.