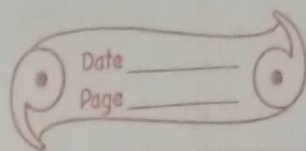


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THE SONG OF THE WHALE

B. Think and answer

1. Why is the poem titled "The song of the whale"?

Ans- Whales make high-pitched sound whistling kind of sound to communicate with each other. This appears like a song to human ears. Here, the poet as used the ~~title~~ title "The song of the whale" to emphasize the desperate cry of pain or ~~cry~~ cry for help from whales against human exploitation. The poet is trying to say that this sorrow is what you ~~hear~~ will hear ~~you~~ in the song of whale.

2. Who is the speaker addressing in the poem? Why does he do that?

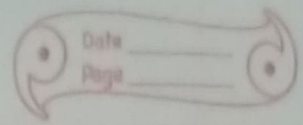
Ans- The speaker is addressing a whale in the poem. Speaking to whale, directly the speaker is telling is that he understands its song and its pain. By making the whale a 'person' that

we can address and talk to, the speaker makes the whale more real in our eyes. It makes the reader ~~come~~ aware that we are responsible for causing a living, breathing, talking, singing creature in pain. The speaker is attempting to make us feel the sorrow of a fellow creature in the world.

3. What feelings does the speaker wish to convey in the poem? Sadness? Anger? Disgust? Support your answer with lines from the poem?

Ans- The feelings that the speaker wishes to convey in the poem is sadness. In this poem, the whale is crying. Because of hunting, Human Being is responsible for this. There is only few left in the sea. After some time by ~~him~~ this cruel human activity there will be no more whales in the sea. For we not so needful things they are killed. We should understand and feel how

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valuable these creatures are. Each and every creature in the Earth are maintaining the balance in nature. If we hurt someone it will come back to us one day. So, it is the time to save these animals and create awareness for the same. We should love and care these animals. So, that no one is crying in the forest of ^{the} sea.

4. Does the speaker think there is hope yet for the whales? How do we know?

Ans - The poet sees very less hope for the whales as he feels they are on the edge of extinction and the humans still do not see the emptiness and cruelty of their actions. The line 'we will never let you be' projects the hopelessness that the speaker feels.

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