

Beehive-Textbook in English for class 9

Poem 3- RAIN ON THE ROOF

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Complete the following summary by choosing the most appropriate word from the box given below.

**pattering, bend, Invisible, childhood, head, falling
moments, appears, mother, experience, listens**

The poet describes a rainy night. He says that all the stars in the sky have become ___1___ because they are covered with thick clouds. The gentle rain ___2___ like tears falling from human eyes. The poet considers it to be a joyful ___3___ to be in a comfortable bed, pressing his ___4___ against a soft pillow and listening to the ___5___ sound of the showers of rain falling on the roof.

The tinkling sound produced by the rain drops ___6___ on the roof tiles cause a echo in the poet's heart. As he listens a large number of imaginative ideas inspire him. The pitter- patter of the falling rain revives many ___7___ memories.

The poet remembers how many years ago, in his childhood, his ___8___ would make it a point to look at her children at bed time for she knew she would not see them again till the next morning. The poet recalls vividly how his mother would especially ___9___ down and gaze at him fondly. These memories are evoked as he ___10___ to the repetitive rhythm of the rain drops as they are falling on the roof. Thus, the poet relives the golden ___11___ of his childhood.

Answers

1. invisible
2. appears
3. experience
4. head
5. pattering
6. falling
7. childhood
8. mother
9. bend
10. listens
11. moments.

Q 1 What literary techniques/devices has the poet used to infuse life into the poem?

Ans: The following literary devices have been used in the poem:

Alliteration – repetition of sounds in the sequence of words.

Example : over all the starry spheres; What a bliss to press the pillow; into busy being start; now in memory comes my mother; Oh ! I feel her fond look on me

Personification: human traits or qualities are attributed to inanimate objects.

Example:

melancholy darkness; rainy tears;
And a thousand recollections
Weave their air-threads into woof.

Transferred epithet—a poetic device in which an adjective is added before the name of a person or object in order to bestow positive or negative qualities to that object.

Example : Melancholy darkness; dreamy fancies

Onomatopoeia – the words imitate the sound or sounds they describe.

Example: patter; tinkle.

Q2. Is rain bliss for everybody? Write an article of about 100 words describing your experience on a rainy day.

Ans.

Sample outline for article:

My Experience on a Rainy Day

Rains blessing--- also can be curse --- nature not under human control.

holiday --- planned to visit my sister --- early morning --- could see bad weather ahead---
Dark clouds ---threatened rain.

Reached bus stand--- started to rain--- no time to shelter---everyone drenched ---roads flooded--- traffic came to standstill---visibility reduced --- Water collected ---objects began to float---people panicking.

Rained for hours---everything at standstill--- rain stopped--- decided not to travel.

