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CLASS X ENGLISH

POEM 1 FIRST FLIGHT

DUST OF SNOW (POEM)

The poem is thoroughly explained in the link given below.

For your better understanding of the chapter, You must go through this link and make use of the details given in the chapter while answering the questions.

<https://youtu.be/41rqAKUfnPE>

The NCERT solutions are given below. You can download the solutions or if you do not have facility to get printout then you can ask your ward to copy the answers in a simple notebook and must learn the question answers.

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1. What is a “dust of snow”? What does the poet say has changed his mood? How has the poet’s mood changed?

Ans: A “dust of snow” means the fine particles of snow. This “dust of snow” changed the poet’s mood. The poet’s mood changed from that of dismay to joy. He was holding the day in regret when this dust of snow fell on him and this simple little thing brought him some joy.

2. How does Frost present nature in this poem? The following questions may help you to think of an answer.

(i) What are the birds that are usually named in poems? Do you think a crow is often mentioned in poems? What images come to your mind when you think of a crow?

(ii) Again, what is “a hemlock tree”? Why doesn't the poet write about a more ‘beautiful’ tree such as a maple, or an oak, or a pine?

(iii) What do the ‘crow’ and ‘hemlock’ represent – joy or sorrow? What does the dust of snow that the crow shakes off a hemlock tree stand for?

Ans: Frost has presented nature in quite an unconventional manner. While in other nature poems we come across birds such as nightingales or sparrows, Frost has used a crow in this poem. A crow can be associated with something dark, black, and foreboding. That is why other poets usually mention singing nightingales or beautiful white doves in their poems.

Also, the poet has written about a hemlock tree, which is a poisonous tree. He has not written about a more beautiful tree such as a maple, an oak tree or a pine tree because these trees symbolize beauty and happiness. Frost wanted to symbolize the feelings of sadness and regret, which is why he has used a hemlock tree.

The crow and the hemlock tree represent sorrow. The dust of snow that is shaken off the hemlock tree by the crow stands for joy that Frost experiences. He has, therefore, used an unconventional tree and bird in order to contrast them with joy in the form of snow.

WORKSHEET 2

1. What shook down the hemlock tree?
 - a. Crow
 - b. Cuckoo
 - c. Mynah
 - d. Parrot
2. What fell on the poet?
 - a. Dust of tree
 - b. Dust of snow
 - c. Dust of rain
 - d. Dust of crow
3. What was the effect of the fall of the dust on the poet?
 - a. Changed his mood
 - b. Changed his job
 - c. Changed his luck
 - d. Changed his colour
4. What was saved for the poet?
 - a. Crow
 - b. Tree
 - c. Some part of the day
 - d. Snow
5. Who is the poet of the poem 'dust of snow'?
 - a. Robert frost
 - b. John keats
 - c. Robert browning
 - d. William wordsworth