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Subject - English Literature

Poem - Balloon Seller

Students, today we are going to do the poem 'Balloon Seller' written by Rev. Dr. Shinoj Kizhakemury Tor. In this poem the poet has expressed the pitiful condition of balloon seller who sells balloon at traffic signal. Here the poet tells the reader

Stanzawise Explanation

★ Stanza - 1

Gentle thump on the car - - - - -
- - - - - to buy just one piece

Explanation - In the first stanza the poet is expressing that a girl who is selling balloon at traffic signal. She tries to convince all the people who stop at the traffic signal to buy balloon from her. Her eyes are small and she looks very weak. She tries to convince to buy at least one balloon so that she could feed her family at least for one day. So in this stanza poet tells us the condition of a balloon seller girl who banged on the cars window to sell her balloons.

★ Stanza - 2

Little did I notice - - - - -

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----- Some food is awaited.

Explanation - In the second stanza the poet tells us that he noticed that the girl who was selling balloon she had her younger ~~sister~~ along with her. Her younger sister was holding her frock and walking from one side to another at the traffic signal. She is staring at the her sister curiously that if her sister sells balloon then she will get something to eat. So in the second stanza the poet expresses the condition of two girls one elder and another her younger sister who sell balloons at traffic signals.

★ Stanza - 3

Her hand making a mark -----
----- I hear her need.

Explanation - In the third stanza the poet tells that the weather is rainy and foggy and the girl is making some mark on foggy window. Due to rain their clothes have become

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wet. Both the girls are standing there in pitiful condition. The elder one knocked on the car window to convince the people to buy balloons. The poet is saying that he could hear her voice that she was in great need of money. As if anyone buys balloon then only she would be able to buy some food stuff for her younger sister who is curiously staring at her.

Students, we have done three stanzas of the poem we will continue with the poem in our next lesson.