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Subject - English Literature

Chapter - 14 Negotiation [Poem]

Students, today we are going to do the poem Negotiation written by Rev. Dr. Shingji Kizhakemury. This poem is about the pitiful condition of a housewife or homemaker who works whole day long but she is ignored.

Stanzawise summary of the poem.

#### \* Stanza-1

A seasoned negotiation - - - - - I agree to help.  
 Explanation - In the first stanza the poet explains that there was an argument between a husband and a wife. In this stanza the husband is saying that his wife's words are very sharp. And her sharp words have opened his eyes and she works so hard whole day so husband agrees that she has to work throughout the day. The husband appreciates and he agrees to help her.

#### \* Stanza-2

Destined to hear - - - - - for all?  
 Explanation - In the second stanza the wife says that as a homemaker she works whole day. She does everything for everyone but she is taken as granted. Though

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She works hard still she has to face the query that what does she do whole day. She says when she is asked this question her hard work goes in vain and she feels very sad.

## ★ Stanza-3

Does no man see - - - - - all in order?

Explanation - In third stanza the wife says that she mops the floor, waters plants, does laundry, folds clothes, and cleans the closets. All these ~~work~~ tasks are done by her but no one sees her hard work that how she manages all the things in order. Even after doing all these things she is asked for her work. Everyone takes her for granted. So she feels ignored.

## ★ Stanza - 4

Parents cared for - - - - - never wanting

Explanation - In this stanza the wife says that she has to take care of her husband's parents, she looks after children. She is responsible for their studies. She has to be kind and cheerful with neighbours too. She also does her duties for pets. So she does all these ~~task~~ tasks whole day long but still she is not appreciated.

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★ Stanza - 5 Multitasking - - - - - do you do

Explanation -

The wife thinks in this stanza that she has only two hands, two eyes like other members in the family still she does all chores like a multi talented person. She takes whole responsibility of her family. Still she is asked that what does she do whole day. As she is taken as granted so she feels very sad and ignored.

All right students we have done five ~~stat~~ stanzas in this lesson and we will continue with the poem in our next lesson.

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