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Subject - English Literature

Chapter - II Poem 'Have You Earned
Your Tomorrow' By
Edgar Guest

Good morning students

Today we are going to start with the poem 'Have You Earned Your Tomorrow' given in your English Literature book on page no- 67. Stanzawise explanation of the poem.

Introduction - This poem is written by Edgar Guest. The poet begins the poem with number of questions to the readers about how they spent their days. Are they happy with their way of life. Are you doing something for your inner growth. So in the poem the poet suggests the reader to spend their life wisely.

Stanza - I

Is anybody happier - - - - -
- - - - - kindly word
to you.

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Explanation

- The first stanza begins with the poet questioning the reader about his way of life. Every day that passes by in one's life becomes worthy if one has made anybody happier with one's actions or words. The measure of one's achievements is not the material success. Rather, it depends on whether or not there is someone to say a kindly word about us

Stanza - 2

Did you give a cheerful - - - -
- - - - -
- - - - - for a deed
you did today

Explanation -

- In this stanza the poet lays emphasis on the effect that a cheerful greeting can have on someone. The way we greet

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other can affect their moods.

Hence a cheerful greeting always lifts spirits of the other person.

Not only words but one's actions affect others greatly. So we must act in such a way that someone is grateful for a deed we did for them. So we

should always do good deed to make others happy and for our soul contentment.

Alright students we have done with the ^{first} two stanzas of the poem. We will continue with the poem in the next lesson.

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