

Class - VIII

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Subject - English Literature

Poem - I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud

Good morning students

Today we are going to do the poem 'I Wandered Lonely as a cloud' as a part of your English Literature assignment which will be submitted to you on dated 11th July 2022. All the students are requested to open page number-20 of your English Literature book titled 'New Trends in English Reader'. Students, keep your practice note book ready as during this lesson you will be asked a few questions in order to check your understanding of the topic.

Students, now pay attention as I am going to explain you the poem 'I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud'.

Stanzewise explanation of the poem

* Introduction :-

The poem 'I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud' is written by a renowned poet William Wordsworth. He is a great admirer of nature. In this poem he has described about the beautiful flowers daffodils. The poem shows poet's love for nature. William Wordsworth is also called the poet of nature.



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most of his poems are written on nature. This poem is considered to be one of his best poems in modern time. In this poem he narrates a small incident when he got an opportunity to see a huge number of daffodils in a valley.

★ Summary of the Poem ÷

• Stanza-1

• I wandered ----- dancing in the breeze.

➔ In first stanza the poet describes that one day he was wandering or roaming all alone like a lonely cloud in the sky that floats on high hills. Suddenly, he saw Daffodils in abundance along the bank of a lake below the trees. Here the poet personifies the daffodils and represents them dancing like human beings and waving in the cool breeze. So in this stanza he describes that the daffodils were dancing and enjoying in breeze.

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Continuous as the stars - - - - - in sprightly dance
In this stanza the poet describes that the Daffodils were abundant in number and they were looking like stars shining and twinkling in the Milky way. So Daffodils were twinkling like stars and they were looking very beautiful. The site of the Daffodils growing along the banks of the lake fills the heart of the poet with delight. It was an endless flood of flowers along the bank of lake. The poet saw thousands of Daffodils dancing cheerfully by moving their heads.

Stanza - 3

The waves beside - - - - - show to me had brought
In third stanza the poet tells that the waves were also dancing and enjoying but the Daffodils were performing better than the waves. The poet says that he enjoyed the Daffodils natural beauty and their joyful company was the ultimate source of pleasure for him. The poet tells that he kept looking on the Daffodils and their dance for a long time. According to the poet nature and its beauty was the ultimate wealth and because it was in abundance and he could take away just a little bit of it though he

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kept watching them in great
surprise.

- Students, now let us take a short break in order to check your understanding of the poem. You will be asked a few questions and after listening to the questions you may pause the audio for three minutes to write your answers.

Q1. What was the poet doing?

Q2. What did he see and where did he see them?

Q3. How many flowers does the poet say that he saw at a glance?

Q4. With what does the poet compare himself?

Q5. Why did the poet keep on watching them?

- Students' break is over we will continue with the poem.

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★ Stanza - 4

For oft, when on my couch - - - - - with the daffodils.
In the fourth and final stanza, the poet says that while sitting on his couch or bed in sorrowful mood, the scene of Daffodils enchant the poet and fulfil him with great pleasure. His heart becomes so happy. Their memory then becomes the source of joy in his loneliness and his heart is then filled with pleasure. His sorrows are converted into happiness. The memory of Daffodils relieves poet's heart from sorrow and grief and it seems to dance with dancing Daffodils.

★ The Figures of Speech or Poetic devices used in the poem -

1. Simile

- lonely as a cloud
- as the stars that shine

2. Personification

- a crowd, a host, of golden daffodils
- dancing in the breeze
- Tossing their heads in sprightly dance
- inward eye

3. Hyperbole

- Ten thousand saw I at a glance
- Stretched in never ending line

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Alright students you have been given the stanza wise summary of the poem with poetic devices used in the poem. Now you all are required to revise the content carefully and attempt exercise 4-A, B & C/A in your English Literature notebook as a part of your home assignment. Thank you.

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