

## LESSON - 17



## THE SCHOOL BOY



The school boy in the poem is not a happy child. What makes him unhappy? Why does he compare himself to a bird that lives in a cage, or a plant that withers when it should blossom.

I love to rise in a summer morn,

When the birds sing on every tree;

The distant huntsman winds his horn,

And the skylark sings with me.

O! what sweet company.

But to go to school in a summer morn,

O! it drives all joy away;  
Under a cruel eye outworn,  
The little ones spend the day,  
In sighing and dismay.  
How can the bird that is born for joy,  
Sit in a cage and sing.  
How can a child when fears annoy,  
But droop his tender wing,  
And forget his youthful spring.  
O! Father and mother, if buds are nip'd,  
And blossoms blown away,  
And if the tender plants are strip'd  
Of their joy in the springing day,  
By sorrow and cares dismay,  
How shall the summer arise in joy,  
Or the summer fruits appear?

### **New Words/Phrases**

<b>Word</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
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sighing	-आह भरना
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annoy	-परेशान करना
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droop	-नीचे झुकना
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nipped	-फुरती से काटना
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stripped	-निकाल देना
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## **Comprehension Questions**

### **1. Answer the following questions:**

- Find three or four words/phrases in stanza 1 that reflect the child's happiness and joy.
- In stanza 2, the mood changes. Which words/phrases reflect the changed mood?
- 'A cruel eye outworn' (stanza 2) refers to

(i). the classroom which is shabby/noisy.

(ii). the lessons which are difficult/uninteresting.

(iii). the dull/uninspiring life at school with lots of work and no play.

(d). Why cannot a bird be joyful in a cage?

## **Word Power**

**Find the antonyms of the following words from the poem-**

- (a). sour - \_\_\_\_
- (b). happiness - \_\_\_\_
- (c). rise - \_\_\_\_
- (d). hard - \_\_\_\_
- (e). disappear \_\_\_\_

## Activity

Vacation is a time for fun and relaxation for all of us. Write a paragraph on how would you like to spend your vacations.

## Appendix - I

### Facing an Interview



Here are some questions you can ask your friends :

- › Give your brief introduction.
- › What do you like about your school?
- › What do you like to do for fun?

- › Which game do you like to play with your friends.? Why is it your favourite game?
- › If you could be any animal, which one would you like to be and why?
- › Tell about a funny thing that had happened in your life.
- › What do you like the most about yourself and why?
- › What was the nicest thing you did for someone?
- › What do you think you will be doing ten years from now?
- › What do you think makes a person good looking?



Now write a paragraph about your friend you have interviewed with the information you have gathered :

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## Appendix - II



**Consult a dictionary and write the meaning of underlined words:**

- » The bandage was wound around the wound.
- » The dump was so full that it had to refuse more refuse.
- » The soldier decided to desert his dessert in the desert.
- » When shot at, the dove dove into the bushes.
- » The insurance was invalid for the invalid.
- » They were too close to the door to close it.
- » There is no time like the present to present the present.

SYMBOL OF KNOWLEDGE -

**DR. BHIMRAO RAMJI AMBEDKAR**



Bhimrao Ramji Ambedkar is popularly known as 'Baba Saheb'. He was an Indian jurist, economist, politician, social reformer, Buddhist activist, philosopher, thinker, anthropologist, historian and orator. He spent his entire life fighting against social discrimination. He also supported the rights of women and labour. He was independent India's first law minister and the principal architect of the Constitution of India.

**Here are some inspiring quotes by Baba Saheb Ambedkar:**

- › They cannot make history who forget history.
- › I like the religion that teaches liberty, equality and fraternity.
- › Life should be great rather than long.
- › Cultivation of mind should be the ultimate aim of human existence.

- › If you believe in living a respectable life, you believe in self-help which is the best help.
- › I measure the progress of a community by the degree of progress which women have achieved.
- › A great man is different from an eminent one in that he is ready to be the servant of the society.



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