

LS-3 The Lake Isle of Innisfree

A Comprehension

A1. Complete the summary using suitable words or phrases:

Go to Innisfree, build a small cabin, beans, peaceful, peace, the sunrise, purple glow, moon, song, Crickets, the linnets, standing on the roadway, lapping of lake water, his heart

A2. Answer these questions:

Q-1. What are the various sounds described by the poet? Which description do you like the best and why?

Ans The songs of the cricket, the sound of the wings of linnets and the lapping sound of lake water are the various sounds described by the poet. The rest of the answer will vary from student to student.

Q-2. Did the poet wish for the company of the other people? How do you know?

Ans No, the poet does not wish for the company of other people. He says he will live alone in the bee-loud glade.

Q-3. When the poet talked about, 'the pavements grey', what did he wish to convey?

Ans The poet wishes to convey that he does not find city life attractive. He finds it rather dull.

Q-4. One generally associates night with darkness. Why did the poet use the phrase midnight's all a glimmer?

Ans The poet uses the phrase 'midnight's all a glimmer' to suggest that in Innisfree the night is very beautiful with stars glimmering in the sky.

Q-5. What do you understand by 'full of the linnet's wings' ?

Ans 'Full of the linnet's wings' means full of the sounds of birds.

Q-6. Do you think the poet had been to Innisfree before? What makes you think so?

Above question has to be answered individually.

Q-7. What are the specific points that tell you that how the poet had planned his return to the countryside in great detail?

Ans The poet has decided to build a small cabin made of clay and wattles in Innisfree. He would cultivate beans and have a beehive there. This tells us that the poet has planned his trip to Innisfree in great detail.

B Appreciation:

Answer 1 Nine bean-rows will I have there, a hive for the honeybee;

I hear lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore

Answer 2 Peace is compared to the sunrise here. 'Veils' means darkness here. The comparisons are indirect.

Answer 3 The poet repeats the phrase 'I will arise and go now'. He does so to show how intensely he desires to get out of his present condition.