

CLASS IX POEM 3 RAIN ON THE ROOF (NCERT)

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THINKING ABOUT THE POEM (PAGE 42)

I. QUESTION 1. What do the following phrases mean to you? Discuss in class.

1. humid shadows
2. starry spheres
3. what a bliss
4. a thousand dreamy fancies into busy being start
5. a thousand recollections weave their air-threads into woof.

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ANSWER:

1. Humid shadows: These are the shadows of different things which become wet during the rainy season.
2. Starry spheres: The area where stars appear in a group in the sky.
3. What a bliss: The poet feels happy when he listens to the rain drops.

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4. A thousand dreamy fancies into busy being start: The poet starts recollecting the past and finds himself lost in reveries and dreams in the rainy weather.

5. A thousand recollections weave their air-threads into woof: The poet recollects hundreds of memories in the rainy season. They weave a weft with the help of air-threads.

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SKY FULL OF STARS

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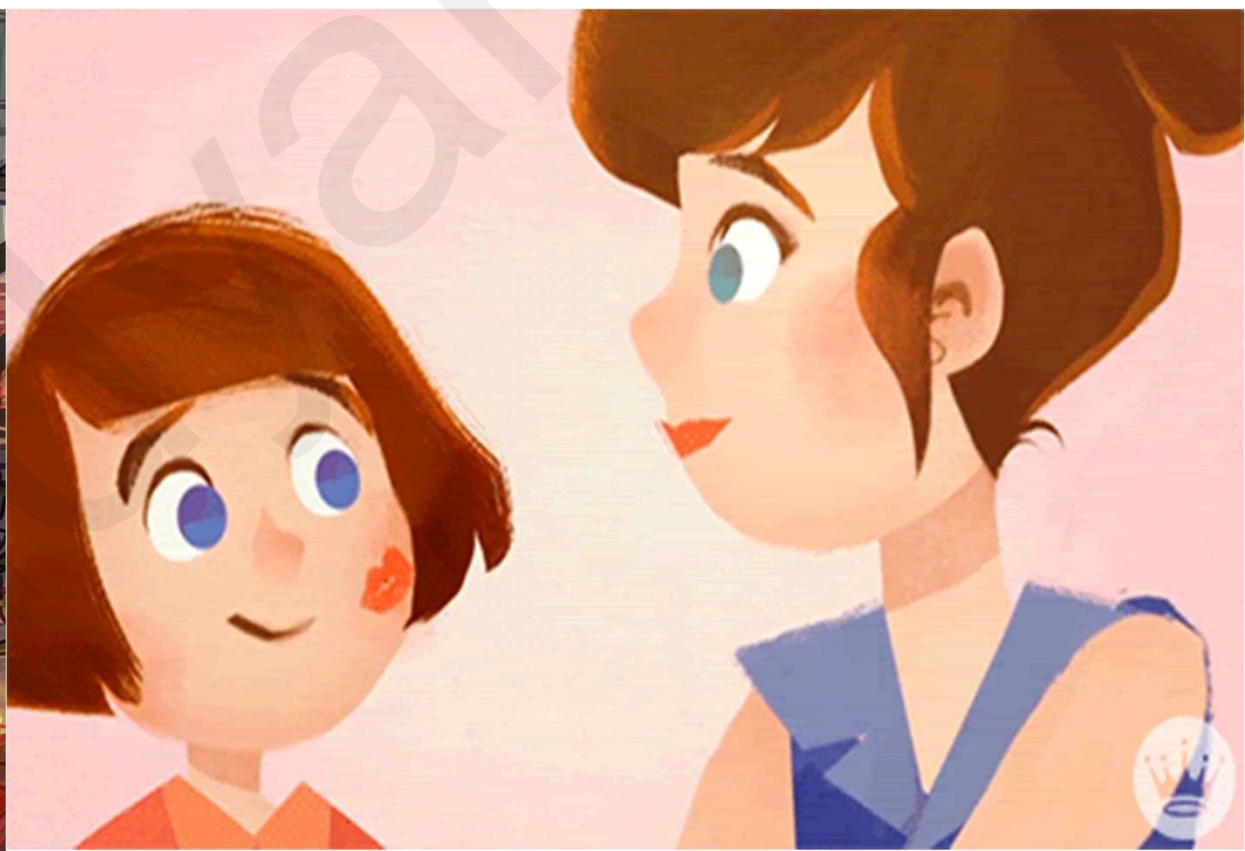
HAPPY WITH THE SOUNDS



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IMAGINING PAST AND HIS MOTHER



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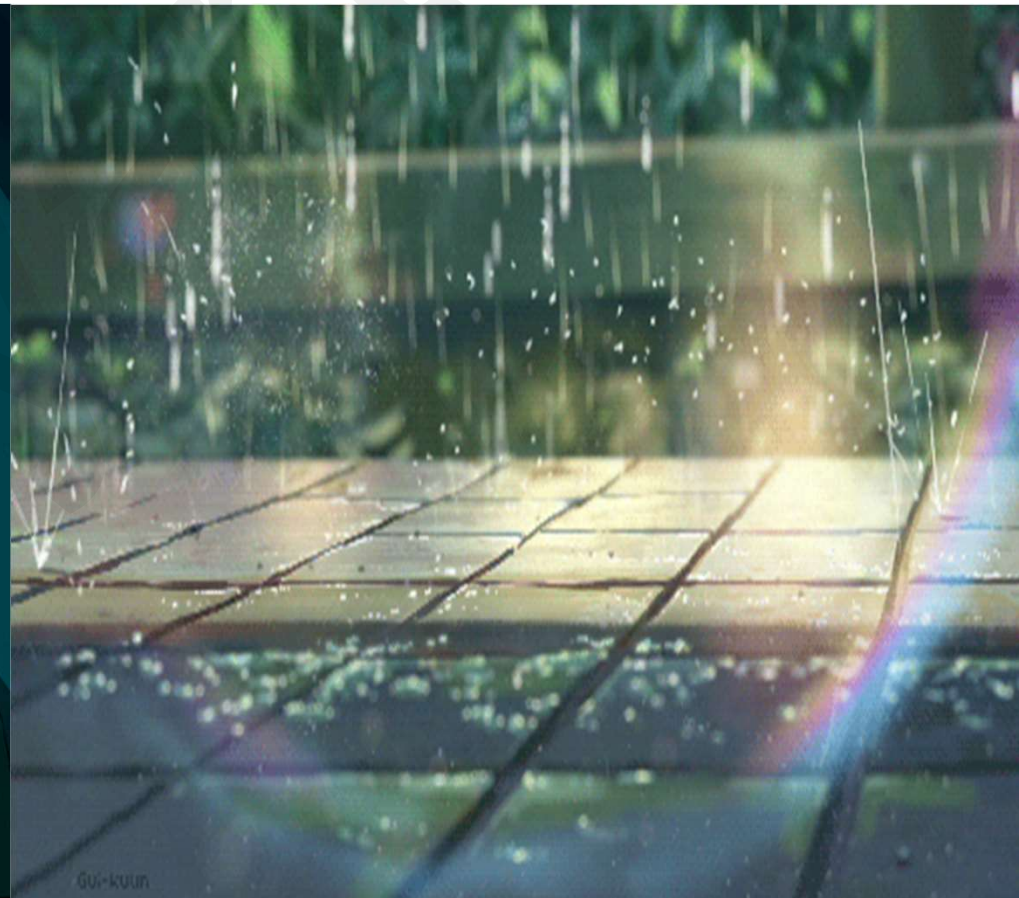
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QUESTION 2. What does the poet like to do when it rains?

ANSWER: When it rains the poet wants to lie on bed in a cottage and listen to pitter-patter sound of the rain.

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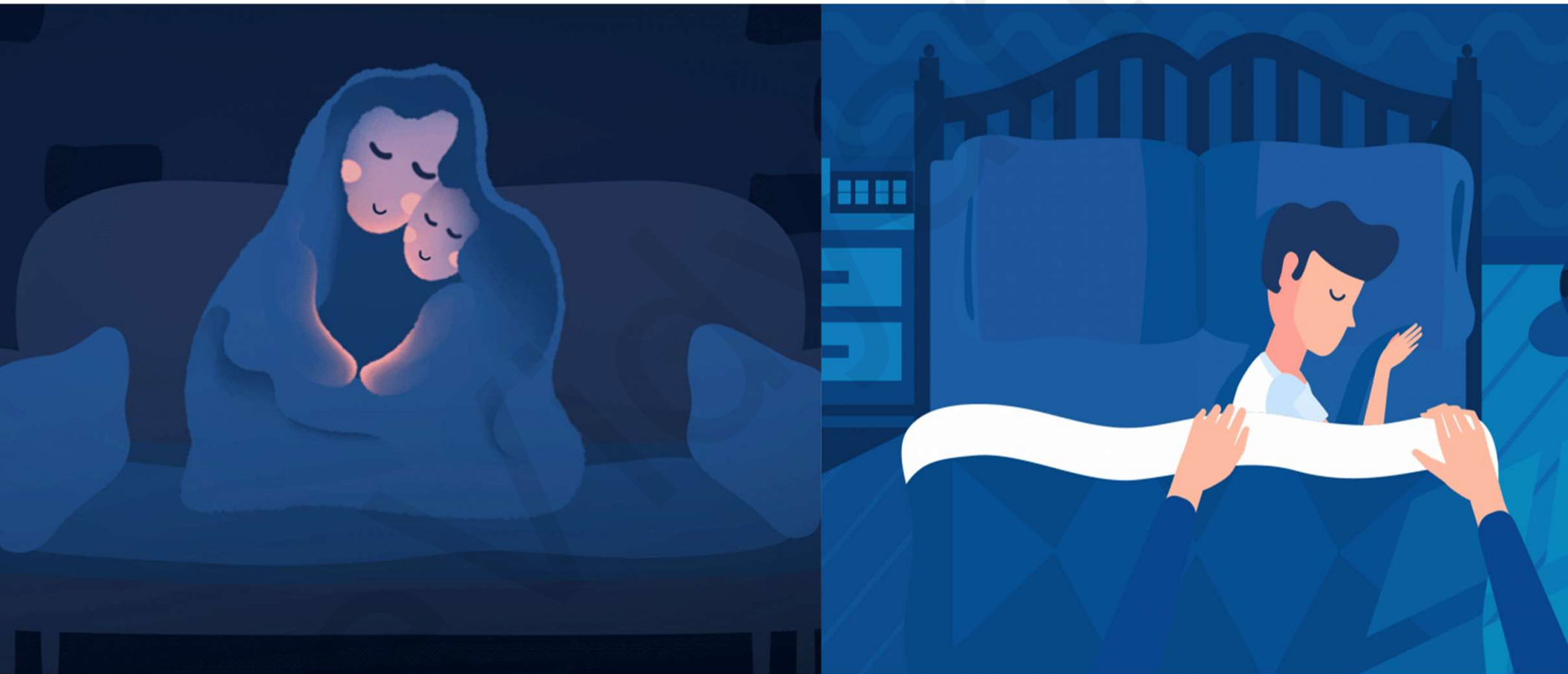
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QUESTION 3. What is the single major memory that comes to the poet's mind? Who are the "darling dreamers" he refers to?

ANSWER: The poet's mother is the single major memory that comes to his mind. 'Darling dreamers' are poet and his sibling when they were child and had sweet memories and are loved by their mother.

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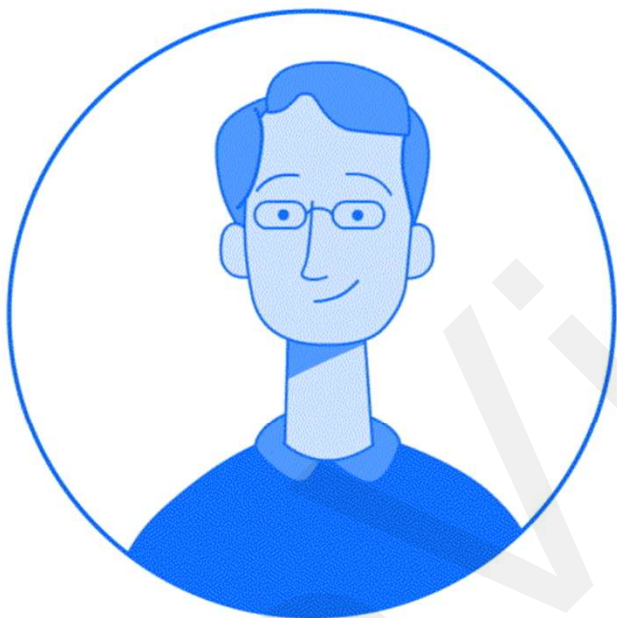
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QUESTION 4. Is the poet now a child? Is his mother still alive?

ANSWER: No, the poet is not a child. His mother is no more. But her memories still makes him emotional.

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