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Running Through The Rain

A. Warmer

How do you feel when it rains? How does your locality/street/ city look when it rains heavily for the whole day?

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Some are fond of sunshine ;
Well – so am I.
But I like the rain too,
Falling from the sky.
For when merry April
Trips over hill and plain,
Isn't it delightful
Running through the rain ?
Bright eyed little blossoms,

Growing by the way,
 Look up as we pass them
 Laughingly to say :
 'So the show'r has caught you
 And escape is vain
 Isn't it delightful,
 Running through the rain ?

 'Pitter patter,' softly
 Drips the drops around
 While a peeping sunbeam
 Gilds the scented ground
 Shelter nowhere near us !
 Yet we don't complain
 For it's so delightful
 Running through the rain !

John Lea

Glossary and Notes

fond of (phrase)	finding something enjoyable, शौकिन
merry (adj)	happy, joyous, खुश
trips o'er (v)	moves with quick light steps, dances over, आवाज करते हुए गिरता है

plain (adj)	flat ground, समतल
delightful (adj)	giving great pleasure, आनंददायी
blossoms (n)	buds, कलियाँ
show'r (n)	a short fall of rain, फुहारें
vain (adj)	useless, बेकार
pitter patter (v)	the sound of light rain, टप-टप
peeping (part.adj)	looking through a narrow opening, झांकना
sunbeam (compound noun)	a ray of sunshine, सूरज की किरणें
gild (v)	cover thinly with gold, सोना चढ़ाना
scented (adj)	giving pleasant smell, सुगन्धित
shelter (n)	a covered place that protects people from rain or wind, छुपने की जगह
complain (v)	express dissatisfaction, शिकायत करना

B. Let's Comprehend

B.1. Think and Tell

B.1.1. Answer the following questions orally:

1. What is the poet fond of ?
2. What makes the poet delighted?
3. Why doesn't the poet want to take shelter ?

B.2. Think and Write

B.2.1. Write whether the following statements are True or False:

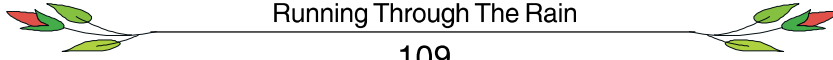
1. The poet doesn't like sunshine but he likes rain.

2. He calls the month of April merry.
3. The poet doesn't enjoy the rainfall.
4. Bright eyed blossoms are large in size.
5. The poet succeeds in saving himself from being drenched.
6. It was a heavy rain.
7. The ground becomes scented because of rain.
8. The poet found shelter everywhere to save him self from rain.
9. He didn't complain because he enjoyed running through the rain.

B.2.2. Answer the following questions very briefly:

1. Where does the rain fall ?
2. Which line in the first stanza shows that the poet enjoys running through the rain ?
3. What did the poet say to the bright little blossoms?
4. Which words in the last stanza show that the rain was not very heavy.
5. Apart from the rain what does the poet like ?

B.2.3. Answer each of these questions in not more than 50 words :



1. Why has the poet used the word 'merry' for the month of April in the poem ? Does this month have any relevance in your state regarding rain ?
2. Why does the poet regard escaping from rain as vain?
3. During rain the poet doesn't get any shelter. Still he doesn't complain. Why ?

C. Word study

C.1. Correct the spelling of the following words.

rian faling mery plian delightfull
 blosoms luaghingly eskape sunbeem

C.2. Match the words in Column 'A' with their meanings in Column 'B'.

'A'	'B'
fond (of)	even ground
merry	go, move
too	affectionate, loving
little	the sound of light rain
pass	useless
vain	small
pitter- patter	protection, cover
shelter	also
plain	happy

D. Grammar

Read the following lines from the poem and concentrate on the use of auxiliary verb before a subject.

Some are fond of sunshine :

Well, so am I.

In the second line 'well, so am I' auxiliary 'am' precedes the subject 'I'.

Here are a few more examples:

My mother is hungry, so am I.

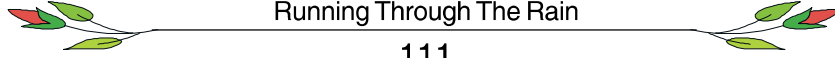
He doesn't like music, nor do I.

Her mother is beautiful, so is she.

He doesn't come in time, neither do you.

Write responses to the given sentences as suggested above.

- (a) My father is very thin,
- (b) She doesn't like cricket,
- (c) He is very polite,
- (d) They are very rough,
- (e) My friend knows Urdu,



E. Discussion/Composition

Discuss the following in groups.

Grow more trees, get more rain.

or

Trees are the source of rain.

Now write individually in about 100 words on the topics given above.

F. Activity

Group work

Collect a few poems written on 'Rain' and discuss what you like about each one of them.

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