

Vocation – Important Questions

Q. What did the child say about the hawker in the street?

Ans. The child said about the hawker in the that street the hawker was not in a hurry. There was no fixed time for him to return to his home or no specific road he must go on.

Q. What was the activity of the watchman?

Ans. The activity of the watchman was that he used to walk on the dark and lonely lane with his lantern in his hand. He was following his shadow at one side according to the child. He never went to bed in his life.

Q. What is the life style led by the hawker, the watchman and the gardener?

Ans. The hawker the watchman and the gardener are doing their vocational duties. They are leading their life the way they want to. There is no restrictions on them. They are leading a free lip.

Q. Who is the speaker in the poem? Who are the people the speaker meets? What are they doing?

Ans. A small child, who does not know what life is and what are exact vocations one should follow, is the speaker of this poem. First he met hawker, then a gardener and lastly the watchman. The hawker was selling bangles, the gardener was digging the ground and watchman was standing guarding the whole night.

Q. What sort of life does the child wish for?

Ans. The child wishes for a carefree life with no restrictions like that of a hawker, a gardener or a watchman who don't have to bother about returning home on time, or getting scolded for soiling clothes, or going to bed.

Q. Explain the following lines in your own words: (a) Nobody takes him to task, if he gets baked in the sun or gets wet. (b) Chasing the shadows with my lantern.

Ans. (a) The poet means to say that nobody scolds the gardener for soiling his clothes, or sitting in the sun, digging the soil or getting wet in the rain. (b) When the watchman walks swinging his lantern, the shadows fall by his side and appear to walk with him. The watchman seems to be following the shadow.

Q. Why did the child think that the life of others is interesting?

Ans. The child thought other's life more interesting because he was under strict control of his family. He was not allowed to move anywhere at his will and return home according to his own will. He was fed up with his life due to the restrictions imposed on him. He did not like these restrictions. It was his thinking that the hawker, gardener and watchman were very happy as they could do things at their own wish. They could go anywhere at any time without any restrictions. This is the reason why the child wanted to exchange his life with that of the hawker, the gardener and the watchman to become free from the restrictions.