

POEM- MY NATIVE LAND

1.a. A man who has no love for his country possesses such a soul. A quality of being a true patriot is missing in this person.

b. A man who lacks love for his native land and who feels ashamed of accepting his identity in a foreign land has a soul which is dead. A 'soul' has been used in this poem to mean a person's inner character.

2. The return of a person from a foreign country is a matter of great joy for him. He feels proud coming back to his country. He feels delight of his feelings and love for his nation. People welcome him with pleasure. He is given honour and fame.

3.a. According to the speaker, the man's devotion to his nation is of more value. If a person is true to his nation then he becomes an ideal man and makes his country great. Such a person becomes a role model. The nation feels proud to have such a patriot.

b. Yes, we agree with the speaker. According to the speaker, there is hardly any man with a soul so dead to not say that "this is my own, native land". There is hardly anyone who does not feel proud after returning from a foreign land to his own land. The poet says if there is any, mark him well for he doesn't deserve any praise.

4. " Proud his name, boundless his wealth as wish can claim". He is considered selfish because he boasts of his titles , possessions and high wishes.

5.a. An unpatriotic man is almost dead and after his real death no one remembers him which is an another death.

b. No, one death is not worse than the other because no one lives eternally on this earth. Only one's good deeds and actions are remembered after death. A person who has no patriotic feeling for

his nation doesn't deserve any praise. Despite his power and position , he lives unknown and dies unnoticed. No one weeps for him.

6. The man who is not loyal to his country is called self- centred. He never gains respect and love from others. He loses reputation and fame. "To the vile dust, from whence he sprung, unwept, unhonoured, and unsung."

7.a. After death , such a man remains unnoticed. He is never remembered and praised.

b. This is just a punishment. It is said "Good name is better than good wealth." It's of no use living a life where you are not loyal to your country irrespective of attaining all wealth and power. Such person's death is called a death of deep personal humiliation and disgrace.

EXTRA QUESTIONS.

Q. What meaning does the word 'breath' convey in the poem?

Ans. The word 'breath' conveys the meaning 'living'.

Q. What delights the minstrel?

Ans. The return of a patriotic person to his motherland delights the minstrel.

Q. Give the meaning of the phrase ' Living, shall forfeit fair renown'.

Ans. An unpatriotic person is alive but should penalize all his fame.