

John Berryman's



The Ball Poem

SESSION



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In my class you will learn to Be a Reader, a Writer and an Achiever.

Q1: Name the literary device used in “Merrily bouncing, down the street, and then Merrily over — there it is in the water!”

- (a) Metaphor
- (b) Simile
- (c) Alliteration
- (d) Anaphora

Q2:What does the poet say about this world is made of?

- (a) **possessions**
- (b) happiness
- (c) joys
- (d) troubles

Q3: The boy remembers his days.

(a) infancy

(b) young

(c) old

(d) all of the above

Q4: The poet doesn't want to interfere by -

- a) consoling the boy
- b) talking to the boy
- c) buying him another ball
- d) giving him money

Q5: The boy understands that -

- a) there is no importance of balls in life
- b) there are losses in life
- c) we should be attached to our things
- d) **one must learn to bear the losses in life**

Q6: The boy feels trouble and stands rigid because he is thinking about his.....

- a) old days
- b) young days
- c) school days
- d) day spent with friends

Q7: How has the loss affected the boy -

a) he stands stiffly staring at the ball

b) he accepts his loss happily

c) he goes and buys another ball

d) he asks the poet to get back his ball

Q8: Why does the poet say “No use to say ‘O there are other balls’ -

a) because the boy wants the same ball that he has lost.

b) because the boy doesn't want any ball.

c) because the boy doesn't like to play with ball.

d) because no other balls are available

Q9: the word 'bouncing' means

- a. Running
- b. Leaping
- c. Chasing
- d. Walking

Q10: the word 'desperate' means?

- a. Angry
- b. Revengeful
- c. Remorseless
- d. Hopeless



Poetic Devices

blmle
vowel

Assonance

What is the boy now, who has lost his ball,

1st word
repeated

What, what is he to do? I saw it go

Anaphora

Merrily bouncing, down the street, and then

Merrily over — there it is in the water!

vivid
Imagery: when poet says merrily bouncing
down the street

I come, I saw, I unquested

Repetition

so, but
hence x

No use to say 'O there are other balls'!

An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy

As he stands rigid, trembling, staring down

All his young days into the harbour where

His ball went. I would not intrude on him;

A dime, another ball, is worthless. Now

He senses first responsibility

Asyndeton

no conjunctions
& or but } emphasis
building

✓
Alliteration

b l m l e
Repetition

In a world of possessions. People will take Balls,
balls will be lost always, little boy.

And no one buys a ball back. Money is external. He
is learning, well behind his desperate eyes, The
epistemology of loss, how to stand up Knowing
what every man must one day know And most
know many days, how to stand up.

Rhyme scheme: There is no rhyme scheme
followed in the poem.

Q: Why are the boy's eyes desperate?

(a) Because he has lost his ball.

(b) Because he has lost his money.

(c) Because he has lost his gloves

(d) None of the Above

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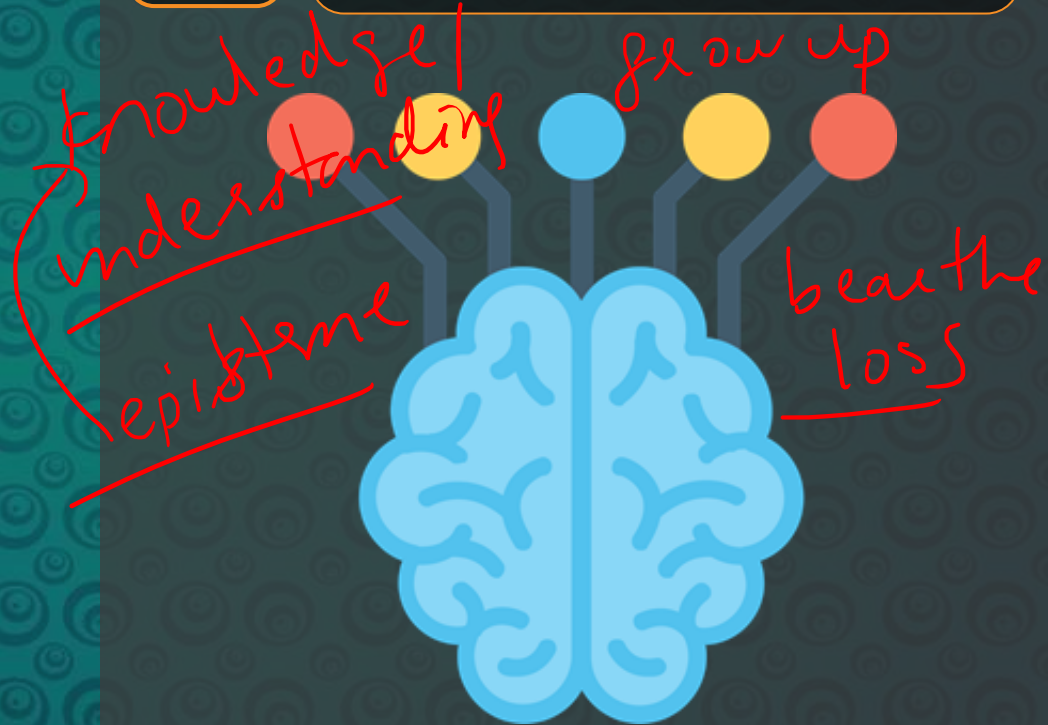
(d) None of the Above



Themes of the Poem

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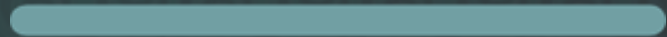
Realization of Responsibilities



02

Meaning of Loss

*symbolic
childhood
memories*



03

Importance of Childhood.

cherish fun ✓



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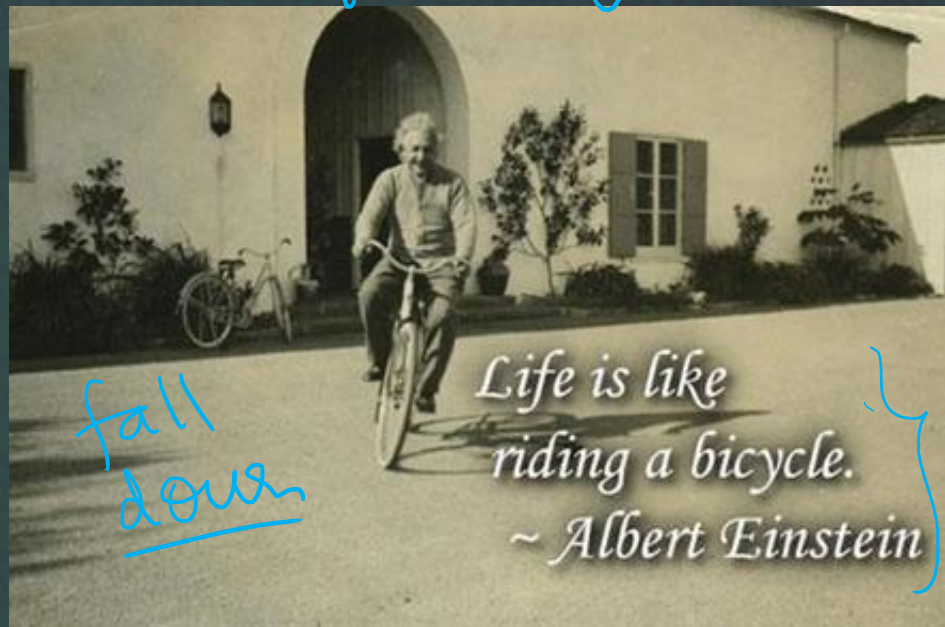
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(d) Anaphora



Message of the Poem

get up y fun



fall
down

*Life is like
riding a bicycle.
~ Albert Einstein*

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(a) 5dimes

(b) 10 dimes

(c) 1 dime

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Important Q & A from the poem



Q.Read the following extracts carefully and answer the questions that follow.

What is the boy now, who has lost his ball.

What, what is he to do? I saw it go

Merrily bouncing, down the street, and then

Merrily over—there it is in the water!

No use to say 'O there are other balls':

(a) What has happened to the boy? ✓

The boy was very sad as he had lost his friend.

The boy was very sad as he had lost his watch.

The boy was very sad as he had lost his father.

The boy was very sad as he had lost his ball.

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(b) Where did the ball go? ✓

The ball went into the dark waters of the sea.

The ball went into the dark waters of the ocean.

The ball went into the dark waters of the pond.

The ball went into the dark waters of the harbour.

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deep

port

→ ships

(c) Which word means 'happily'?

Bouncing

Merrily

All of the above

None of the above

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2

Mark question

Q: Write the sum and substance of the poem "The Ball Poem"

- In “The Ball Poem”, Berryman tells us about how our childhood can quickly fly by, as quickly as a ball is lost and how we sometimes undoubtedly must grow up and face hardships, like loss.

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Mark question

Q: Why is it important for everyone to
experience loss and to stand up after it?

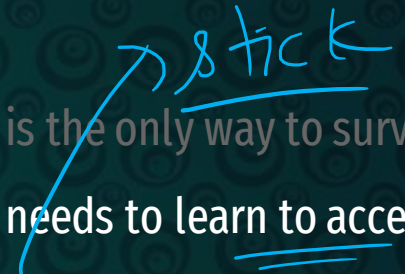
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resilience

accept
move on

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- Experiencing loss sometimes helps us to grow up and face hardships, like loss.
- This helps us in breaking all the boundaries into freedom.

mind-Open

HOMEWORK QUESTION

30-40w

108 students

Q: 'Possession is nine-tenths of the law' How far
does the contents of the poem, 'The Ball Poem',
illustrate this idiom?

doubts

tests

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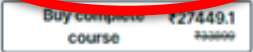


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