

Rain on the Roof.

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~ Coates Kinney

Summary

In the poem, the poet describes how he feels on a rainy day. As it begins to rain, he recalls all his past. In the cottage as he listens to the pitter - patter sound of the rain, the poet feels blissful at that.

Ist Stanza → when the dark clouds filled with moisture wandering all over the skies filled with stars and during the gloomy evenings, they are drizzling as if sky is crying. During this time, the poet is feeling very cozy & is snuggled in his bed in a cottage-chamber. While lying there in his bedroom, he is listening ~~the~~ to the pitter sound of soft rain overhead on the rooftop.

IInd Stanza → Soft sound of raindrops on the stoney tiles of the roof,

creates an echo with his heartbeat producing a memory. And now many wonderful past memories are evoked. The past sweet memories are compared to the threads on the loom which are together weaved to form a beautiful dress. The mind here is like a weaver [loom]. As he listens to the sound of soft raindrops, he is transported to the land of past sweet memories.

IIIrd Stanza → He misses his mother.

As his memories are evoked he remembers his childhood where, when kids are asleep & see dreams, mother comes to see them & wish them Good night ♡. Then again in the morning she would see them & wake them up. He could still feel his mother's presence, as he listens to the musical sound of soft raindrops on the stoney tiles of the roof.

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Questions / Answers

Q1. Explain the following lines / phrases.

i) Humid Shadows - dark clouds filled with moisture which is about to rain.

ii) Starry spheres - area which is generally filled with or dominated with stars however on a rainy evening the starry spheres are covered with dark clouds making the stars invisible

iii) what a bliss - describes poet's feelings of pleasure or happiness of being snug comfortably on kid bed and pressing the pillow.

iv) a thousand dreamy fancies into busy being start - the innumerable number of wonderful memories are evoked.

v) a thousand recollections weave their

air - threads into woof - the poet
recollects numerous
memories in the rainy season
that join together to form a beautiful
picture just like in weaving, threads
mesh together to form a beautiful
pattern.

Q2. What is the single major memory
that comes to the poet? Who are
the "darling dreamers" he refers to?

ans. The single major memory that comes
to the poet is that of his mother
and her fond look

The poet refers "darling dreamers" to
himself and his siblings in their
childhood when they are lovingly put
to sleep by their mother.