

POEM

KINDNESS TO ANIMALS



Preparatory activity :

- **Listen to the story narrated by your teacher and respond to the following questions:**

1. Who is Sweety?
2. List the words that describe Sweety.
3. What does Sweety love to eat?
4. Fill in the blank:
Sweety plays with the girl in _____
5. Say True or False
 - i) Uncle Roshan wants to play with Sweety.
 - ii) Sweety was safe in the girl's friend's house.

- **Listen again and answer the following questions:**

1. Who do you think is telling the story?
2. Why did the narrator leave Sweety in the friend's house?
3. What would you do if you were in a similar situation?
4. What would Sweety tell Uncle Roshan if she could speak? Complete the sentences.

Sweety : Uncle Roshan, Please don't _____
me. I too _____ life like you. I _____
also like to live and play. Have mercy on me. Please _____
me live.

(would, kill, kindly, let, have).

Your teacher will read the poem 'Kindness to Animals' aloud. Close your eyes and listen to the poem.



Little children, never give
Pain to things that feel and live.
Let the gentle robin come
For the crumbs you save at home.

As his meat you throw along
He'll repay you with a song.
Never hurt the timid hare
Peeping from her green grass lair.

Let her come and sport and play
On the lawn at close of day.
The little lark goes soaring high
To the bright windows of the sky.

Singing as if 't were always spring
And fluttering on an untired wing
Oh! Let him sing his happy song
Nor do these gentle creatures wrong.

Anonymous

Glossary :

<i>gentle</i>	:	<i>mild, kind</i>
<i>robin</i>	:	<i>a small brown bird marked with red on its breast</i>
<i>crumb</i>	:	<i>a very small piece of bread, cake, etc.</i>
<i>meat</i>	:	<i>the flesh of animals.</i>
<i>hurt</i>	:	<i>cause pain to a person's body or mind.</i>
<i>timid</i>	:	<i>easily frightened.</i>
<i>hare</i>	:	<i>an animal like a rabbit but slightly large and with longer ears.</i>
<i>lair</i>	:	<i>the place where a wild animal rests.</i>
<i>lawn</i>	:	<i>a piece of land covered with grass.</i>
<i>lark</i>	:	<i>a small brown bird that is noted for its singing.</i>
<i>soar</i>	:	<i>fly high in the air</i>
<i>spring</i>	:	<i>the season in which flowers, leaves appear</i>
<i>flutter</i>	:	<i>(of birds) flap the wings quickly and fly short distances only</i>