

English Term-2 Notes

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Part I. Poems

§1 Amanda

This poem is all about a child like me ranting about how parents are always acting around boss and bullying us every time about not studying and commanding and controlling us in such a manner that we feel so irritated and lost that we get the inspiration to write this poem.

This poem is written by **Robin Klein** and has a total of 7 paragraphs or whatever. The paragraphs alter between imagination of Amanda and her mother's scoldings.

Paragraph 1: In the first paragraph, we see Amanda's mother telling her *not to*

- bite her nails
- hunch her shoulders

- to stop **slouching** and sit straight up

Paragraph 2: Here she is imagining that she is a mermaid who is in a **emerald** coloured **languid** sea who is moving around **blissfully**.

Paragraph 3: This is time for homework which is one of the most annoying things to a child. Later she asked her if she had cleaned her room and cleaned her shoes or not.

Paragraph 4: IMAGINATION! This one is quite interesting. She said here that she is an orphan which is clearly not true. She is trying to make patterns in the soft dust with her **hushed**, *bare feet*. Another thing to notice is that she is thinking the opposite of her mother. At one side, her mother wants her to keep herself tidy and well-arranged whereas Amanda wants to play in the dust, without any worries. She also compliments silence as “golden” and freedom as “sweet”. Very ordinary stuff after the constant *nagging* by parents.

Paragraph 5: Don’t eat chocolate because of cavities and more importantly as a growing child, you do have to face acne. Also, always look at your parents when they are talking to you.

Paragraph 6: She is in another world right now. She says that she is Rapunzel and she does not about all the worldly affairs. She finds her life **tranquil** in her own dream world. She also denies Rapunzel’s idea of letting her hair down and escaping the tower and values the calmness in the tower.

Paragraph 7: Mother starts again! Her mother says that Amanda was moody and said her to stop **sulking**. She said that the way she was behaving, people would think that Amanda was **nagged** by her mother. Poor little Amanda couldn’t even say that it was indeed the case!

Glossary

blissfully Happily. 2

emerald Bright green color. 2

hunch To bend. 1

hushed Quiet and Still. 2

languid Relaxed. 2

nagged Harassing someone to do something. 2

slouching To sit or stand with. 1

sulking Being silent and bad tempered. 2

tranquil Calm. 2

§2 Animals

This chapter is about a depressed guy who is too weak to live in this world and says that he wants to live with animals, where there is no competition, and everything is peaceful. He will continuously say that animals are very good and they do not complain about their situations no matter what happens. He feels very comfortable with those animals who stay as who they are without acting and giving false impressions. This basically means that he is fed up with life and wants to go to Himalayas and leave all the false people in the world.

This poem is written by Walt Whitman who is said to be a very nice and well-known poet. This poem is of about 4 paragraphs where the last paragraph is short and concludes the poem. I do oppose the poet at several points, but I do get how he feels. Let us begin.

Paragraph 1: He introduces us the notion of living with animals and starts to appreciate them. He tells everyone that animals are so **placid** to live with. They are also self contain'd which means that they are happy and never interfere with other's life. He keeps gazing at those lovely animals admiring the animals.

Glossary

placid Calm and peaceful. 2