

English Term-2 Notes

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Part I. Literature

§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](#)