Vikram’s English Academy (ICSE)

**Question Bank: Going for Water**

1. **Who are ‘we’ in the poem? Why did they want to seek the brook? Where was it?**

**Ans:** The word ‘We’ in the poem refers to the poet and his companion. They want to seek the brook as they wanted to fetch water and the well beside their house had dried up. The brook was across the fields behind their house.

1. **Which time of the day is mentioned in the poem? How is the autumn described in the poem?**

**Ans:** Evening is mentioned in the poem. The autumn is said to be gentle and fair though it is chilly.

1. **What does the poet mean by ‘our’ in the terms; ‘our fields’ and ‘our woods’?**

**Ans:** By the word ‘our’ the poet wants to signify that they were very familiar to the place and probably frequented it regularly. Though chilly and deserted, the poet and his companion were comfortable in the woods.

1. **How is the panorama of the trees described by the poet, in the third stanza?**

**Ans:** The moon dawns behind the trees and the poet and his companion run as if they are trying to meet the moon. The branches of these trees are without leaves due to autumn. These are called ‘barren boughs’ as there are any birds or there isn’t any breeze.

1. **What happened when they entered the woods?**

**Ans:** When they entered the woods that hid them from the moon, they paused like gnomes and they were ready to run to new hiding place.

1. **Which game is the narrator playing? With whom? What is it doing?**

**Ans:** The narrator along with his companion is playing hide and seek with the moon. The moon laughs as it would find the poet and companion quickly.

1. **Mention the contrast in two children’s feeling before reaching the woods and after they were within the woods. Justify with example from the poem.**

**Ans:** The two children were very comfortable to fetch water from the brook. They called the fields and the woods as their own. They also ran as if they were meeting the moon. But once the children were within the woods, they held each other’s hands and that shows that the children were extremely scared.

1. **What did the two children hear when they thought they heard the brook?**

**Ans:** The two children hear a note from a single place. The note or the sound is of a slender tinkling fall of a drop. That drop of water which looked like a pearl floated on the brook which was frozen and looked like a silver blade.