**HOME THEY BROUGHT HER WARRIOR DEAD**

1. Who was brought home?

Ans: A warrior; a dead soldier who was also the woman’s husband was brought home.

1. How did the woman react after seeing her husband? Why?

Ans: She did not swoon nor she cried. She was too shocked to react. She had no hope to live; only after seeing his child, she realised her responsibilities as the child’s mother.

1. Why were the maidens murmuring? What did they say?

Ans: When the maidens saw the woman’s husband, they got worried about the woman. Their concern increased even more when they saw that the woman did not cry. They said that she must cry or else she will die.

1. What did the maidens believe in, if a woman does not cry after her husband’s death?

Ans: It was believed that if a woman does not cry after her husband’s death, it means that she was keeping all her sorrows with herself, she was not letting them out. This would kill her.

1. How did the people praise him? What did the people say about him?

Ans: The people praised him soft and low, sadly. People praised him and called him someone who was worthy to be loved. They called him the truest friend and noblest foe.

1. Why is the woman’s husband called as a noble foe?

Ans: The woman’s husband is called as a noble foe because he is not manipulative and is true to his enemies also. He is not a person who would back-stab his enemies. He believes in equal fight and is fair even to his enemies.

1. What was the woman’s reaction after the people praised her husband?

Ans: She did not react, she still did not cry. She neither spoke nor moved.

1. What did one of the maidens do when the woman still did not cry?

Ans: One of the maidens quietly moved and stepped close to the dead warrior, her husband and she took the face-cloth off his face.

1. Was there any change in the woman’s behaviour after the maiden took the cloth off the warrior’s face?

Ans: No, there was no change in the behaviour of the woman. She did not move nor she wept.

1. What did the ninety-year-old nurse do?

Ans: The nurse rose and she set the warrior’s child, his last souvenir on the woman’s knee.

1. What happened to the woman when the nurse set her child on her knee?

Ans: She started crying, her tears came down like summer tempest and she said that she would live for him.