

AMANDA

1. Why does Amanda want to be a mermaid? What would she be able to do if she becomes a mermaid?

Ans:- Amanda wants to be a mermaid to escape from daily scolding. As a mermaid, she could swim freely and live peacefully in the sea without anyone disturbing her.

2. Why does Amanda want to be Rapunzel? What is a Rapunzel?

Ans:- Amanda wants to be Rapunzel because she wants to live alone in peace. Rapunzel is a fairy tale girl who lived alone in a tall tower with long hair.

3. How do you know that Amanda was a teenager?

Ans:- Amanda is corrected for things like homework and posture, which are common for teenagers. She also imagines fantasy lives, which shows she is at a growing age.

4. What do you think when Amanda says that she is an orphan?

Ans:- Amanda feels emotionally ignored. She says she is an orphan to show she wants freedom and no nagging.

5. "The silence is golden, the freedom is sweet" — Explain the meaning.

Ans:- It means Amanda loves peace and wants freedom. Silence is precious to her, and freedom makes her happy.

6. How old do you think Amanda is? How do you know this?

Ans:- Amanda is around 12 to 14 years old. She behaves like a teenager and dreams of living alone.

7. What does Amanda yearn for? What does the poet tell us about Amanda?

Ans:- Amanda yearns for peace, freedom, and a life without control. The poet shows Amanda is imaginative and feels trapped.

8. What questions were asked to Amanda?

Ans:- Amanda is asked:

Did you finish your homework?

Did you clean your shoes?

Did you tidy your room?

9. Where does Amanda draw patterns and with what?

Ans:- Amanda draws patterns on the soft dust with her bare feet.

10. Why does Amanda seem moody most of the time?

Ans:-Amanda seems moody because she is always being scolded. She feels disturbed and wants to live in her own world.

11. What is the actual theme of the poem 'Amanda'?

Ans:-The poem shows the conflict between a child and adults. It tells how too much control can take away a child's freedom and happiness.

12. "There is a languid, emerald sea, where the sole inhabitant is me —, drifting blissfully a mermaid" — What does Amanda think herself in this line? Why does she want this life?

Ans:-Amanda imagines herself as a mermaid living alone in the green sea. She wants this life because it's peaceful, free, and without any scolding.