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A Fragment (Poem)

ایک حصہ (نظم)

Words	Meanings	Words	Meanings	Words	Meanings
Awake	جاگنا	Arise	اُٹھنا	Angel	فرشتہ
Haste	جلدی	Depart	روانہ ہونا	Lose	کھونا
Strength	طاقت	Fallow	بخر	Farm	کاشت
Arm	بازو				

ایک حصہ

Stanza No. 1

Awake! Arise! The hour is late!
Angels are knocking at the door!
They are in haste and cannot wait,
And once departed come no more.

جاگو! اٹھو! بہت دیر ہو گئی ہے۔ فرشتے دروازے پر دستک دے رہے ہیں۔ وہ جلدی میں ہیں اور انتظار نہیں کر سکتے۔ اگر وہ ایک بار چلے گئے تو پھر دوبارہ نہیں آئیں گے۔

Reference :

These lines have been taken from the poem "A Fragment" composed by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow.

Context:

The poet emphasizes the importance of early rising. He advises us to awake from the bed. If we do not rise at proper time, we shall lose our strength and become like a barren land where only weeds grow.

Paraphrase:

Awake and arise from your bed. It's too late now. Angels are knocking at your door. They are in hurry and cannot wait for you any more. Once, they go away, they would not come back. If we do not get up early in the morning, we shall not be able to make progress in life.

Stanza No. 2

Awake! Arise! the athlete's arm
Loses its strength by too much rest;
The fallow land, the untilled farm,
Produces only weeds at best.

جاگو! اٹھو! کھلاڑی دیر تک آرام کرنے سے اپنی طاقت کھودیتا ہے۔ جیسے کہ بخر زمین اور ویران کھیت جہاں پر کچھ بھی نہیں اگتا سوائے جھاڑیوں کے۔

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Context:

The poet emphasizes the importance of early rising. He advises us to awake from bed. If we do not rise at proper time we shall lose our strength and become like a barren land where only weeds grow.

Paraphrase

Awake and arise up without any delay. If we continue taking rest we will lose our strength and become useless like a barren land and uncultivated farm that produces nothing but weeds only.

SUMMARY

(Henry Wadsworth Longfellow)

"An early bird catches the worm".

This didactic (تأصانیف) poem has been composed by H.W Longfellow. The poet tries to inculcate (دہن نشین کرانا) in the reader the blessings of early rising. He advises the people to leave the bed early in the morning, be active and get ready for work because

"Early to bed, early to rise"

Makes a man healthy, wealthy and wise."

Man himself is the architect of his fate. If he does not get up early in the morning and continues taking rest, he will lose his strength and will become useless. He cannot make progress in life. Goodness is knocking at his door and is inviting him to the path of virtue (نیکی). The angels of goodness are in a hurry (جلدی) and cannot wait long. So he should avail himself of these chances of goodness. If he misses them, such chances will never return and he will have to repent (پچھتانا) the whole life.

The farmer's strength becomes his weakness due to oversleep. Laziness (سستی) renders (بنادینا) him good-for-nothing (بیکار). **Too much rest is rust** (زنگ). He has not cultivated (کاشت کرنا) and watered the land. As a result, weeds and shrubs de shape the land every where. The fallow (بخر) and untilled land can produce nothing else. Hence, we should also get up early and enjoy the blessings of early rising, Otherwise , laziness will cause (باعث ہوتا) poverty (غریب) and ruination (تباہی). The poem is in the form of address. The poet addresses (خطاب کرنا) to the imaginary readers. This poem is a beacon of light for the path of success and describes as the disadvantages of laziness, as

"Sloth is the mother of poverty."

EXERCISES

Write down the rhyming words used in the poem.

Ans. Late, Wait, Door, More, Arm, Farm Rest, Best.

Write two more rhyming in each line.

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| a) arise, | <u>Prize,</u> | <u>Fries</u> |
| b) knock, | <u>Cock,</u> | <u>Shock</u> |
| c) weed, | <u>Tweed,</u> | <u>Lead</u> |

Answer the following questions.

i. What advice does the poet give to the late riser?

Ans. The poet advises the late riser that he should get up early. Otherwise, he may lose his time as well as his strength.

ii. What is the benefit of early rising?

Ans. Early risers get much time to do other things. They remain fresh and happy the whole day.

iii. What is meant by "fallow land"?

Ans. Fallow land means barren land that grows nothing.

iv. What is the theme of the poem?

Ans. One should not waste time in taking too much rest.

v. Explain the last two lines of the poem.

Ans. If you continue taking rest you will become useless. You will become as useless as fallow and untilld farm, that grows nothing. Taking too much rest, spoils the cells and one becomes lazy and dull and becomes unfit for healthy activities.

Fill in the blanks with suitable prepositions.

i. Angels are knocking _____ your door.

ii. They cannot wait _____ you.

iii. They will not come back _____ their departure.

iv. The athlete loses his strength _____ taking too much rest.

v. Fragment means separate or _____ parts.

Use contractions in the following sentences.

i. I have missed my school bus.

Ans. I've missed my school bus.

ii. They had a pleasant party.

Ans. They'd a pleasant party.

iii. It is not a fine day.

Ans. It's not a fine day.

iv. You are a genius boy.

Ans. You're a genius boy.

v. We have passed the admission test.

Ans. We've passed the admission test.

Missing Letters:

i. dep__rt

ii. prod__ces

iii. we__ds

iv. aw__ke

v. kn__cking

Match the words similar in meaning in List 'A' with 'B' and write the answer in 'C'.

List 'A'	List 'B'	List 'C'
i. Fragment	Rise	
ii. Haste	Barren	
iii. Depart	Part	
iv. Fallow	Speed	
v. Awake	To leave	

Use the following words in your own sentences.

Words	Meaning	Sentences
Awake	جاگنا	We should awake from the bed early in the morning.
Arise	پیدا ہونا، واقعہ ہونا	So many questions arise about the present political situation in Pakistan.
Knock at	ہتک دینا	I saw a man knocking at the door.
Haste	جلدی	Haste makes waste.
Depart	روانہ ہونا	We should pray for the departed souls.
Strength	طاقت	Union is strength.
Untilled	غیر کاشت شدہ	Untilled land produces nothing.
Angels	فرشتے	Angels always pray to God.
Wait	انتظار کرنا	Time and tide wait for none.
Weeds	گھاس پھوس	Untilled farm produces weeds only.

Answers

Fill in the blanks.

- i. at ii. for iii. after iv. after v. in

Missing letters.

- i. a ii. u iii. e iv. a v. o

Match List 'C'.

- i. Part ii. Speed iii. To leave iv. Barren v. Rise