

The Ball Poem

1. The Poem has been written by John Berryman.
2. The Poem describes how to bear the loss and go ahead in life forgetting the past.
3. In this poem there is a boy who plays a game with a ball either alone or with his friends near a harbour.
4. While playing the boy loses the ball in the water.
5. He becomes very upset due to (the loss) loss of ball in the water or harbour.
6. The boy was playing in the street and while playing the ball goes into the water bairning.
7. The boy stands rigid (stony) near the water and keeps staring into the water where his ball loses.
8. The boy was trembling from the inside. He was very upset.
9. With the ball his memories goes into the water which he had with the ball.
10. The poet does not intrude on him because the boy was trying to understand the nature of loss.
11. The boy senses / understand his first responsibility in the world of possession.

12. The world of possessions means the materialistic world.

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