“Well, good-bye,” he said; and though he tried to speak steadily, there was a little tremble in his voice and he winked his big brown eyes. “And I hope trade'll be good. I'm sorry I'm going away to leave you, but perhaps I shall come back again when I'm an earl. And I wish you'd write to me, because we were always good friends. And if you write to me, here's where you must send your letter.” And he gave him a slip of paper. “And my name isn't Cedric Errol any more; it's Lord Fauntleroy and—and good-bye, Dick.”

Dick winked his eyes also, and yet they looked rather moist about the lashes. He was not an educated boot-black, and he would have found it difficult to tell what he felt just then if he had tried; perhaps that was why he didn't try, and only winked his eyes and swallowed a lump in his throat.

“I wish ye wasn't goin' away,” he said in a husky voice. Then he winked his eyes again. Then he looked at Mr. Havisham, and touched his cap. “Thanky, sir, fur bringin' him down here an' fur wot ye've done, He's—he's a queer little feller,” he added. “I've allers thort a heap of him. He's such a game little feller, an'—an' such a queer little un.”

And when they turned away he stood and looked after them in a dazed kind of way, and there was still a mist in his eyes, and a lump in his throat, as he watched the gallant little figure marching gayly along by the side of its tall, rigid escort.

Until the day of his departure, his lordship spent as much time as possible with Mr. Hobbs in the store. Gloom had settled upon Mr. Hobbs; he was much depressed in spirits. When his young friend brought to him in triumph the parting gift of a gold watch and chain, Mr. Hobbs found it difficult to acknowledge it properly. He laid the case on his stout knee, and blew his nose violently several times.

“There's something written on it,” said Cedric,—“inside the case. I told the man myself what to say. 'From his oldest friend, Lord Fauntleroy, to Mr. Hobbs. When this you see, remember me.' I don't want you to forget me.”

Mr. Hobbs blew his nose very loudly again.

“I sha'n't forget you,” he said, speaking a trifle huskily, as Dick had spoken; “nor don't you go and forget me when you get among the British arrystocracy.”

“I shouldn't forget you, whoever I was among,” answered his lordship. “I've spent my happiest hours with you; at least, some of my happiest hours. I hope you'll come to see me sometime. I'm sure my grandpapa would be very much pleased. Perhaps he'll write and ask you, when I tell him about you. You—you wouldn't mind his being an earl, would you, I mean you wouldn't stay away just because he was one, if he invited you to come?”

“I'd come to see you,” replied Mr. Hobbs, graciously.

So it seemed to be agreed that if he received a pressing invitation from the Earl to come and spend a few months at Dorincourt Castle, he was to lay aside his republican prejudices and pack his valise at once.

At last all the preparations were complete; the day came when the trunks were taken to the steamer, and the hour arrived when the carriage stood at the door. Then a curious feeling of loneliness came upon the little boy. His mamma had been shut up in her room for some time; when she came down the stairs, her eyes looked large and wet, and her sweet mouth was trembling. Cedric went to her, and she bent down to him, and he put his arms around her, and they kissed each other. He knew something made them both sorry, though he scarcely knew what it was; but one tender little thought rose to his lips.

“We liked this little house, Dearest, didn't we?” he said. “We always will like it, won't we?”

“Yes—yes,” she answered, in a low, sweet voice. “Yes, darling.”

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| 1 | —and good-bye, Dick.”  Dick winked his eyes also, and yet they looked rather moist about the lashes. | What do you think the word ‘moist’ means in line X? | Closed  Harsh  **Tear-filled**  Bright and shimmering |
| 2 | he tried to speak steadily, there was a little tremble in his voice and he winked his big brown eyes | How are you made aware that this is a difficult conversation for Cedric? | He has to say goodbye to Dick  **He found it difficult to speak properly**  Dick was his good friend  He is only a young boy and doesn’t know how to be a Lord |
| 3 | perhaps that was why he didn't try, and only winked his eyes and swallowed a lump in his throat. | Dick “swallowed a lump in his throat” (line X). Why does he do this? | He had to finish swallowing his food so he could speak.  He was clearing his throat to speak.  **He was trying to hide how he really felt.**  He was trying to change the sound of his voice. |
| 4 | . “Thanky, sir, fur bringin' him | Why does Dick say “Thanky” (line X) instead of ‘thank you’? | It is short for ‘thank you’.  He doesn’t know how to say ‘thank you’.  He is uneducated.  **He has an accent.** |
| 5 | “I wish ye wasn't goin' away,” he said in a husky voice. Th | What does the word ‘husky’ (line X) show us about how Dick is feeling? | Strong and powerful  Large and eloquent  Tired and exhausted  **Upset and raw** |
| 6 | there was still a mist in his eyes | What kind of phrase is ‘a mist in his eyes’ (line X)? | **Metaphor**  Personification  Symbol  Simile |
| 7 | s he watched the gallant little figure marching gayly along by the side of its tall, rigid escort. | What sort of movement would you expect to see if someone moves ‘gayly’? | Elegantly  **Happily**  Awkwardly  Rigidly |
| 8 | he watched the gallant little figure marching gayly along by the side of its tall, rigid escort. | What is the ‘little figure’ (line X)? | The pet dog  **Lord Fauntleroy**  The present Cedric brought for Dick  Mr. Havisham |
| 9 | Gloom had settled upon Mr. Hobbs; he was much depressed in spirits. When his young friend brought to | What do you understand by the phrase “Gloom had settled upon Mr. Hobbs; he was much depressed in spirits.” (line X) | The weather is gloomy and is making Mr. Hobbs moody  **Mr. Hobbs feels overwhelmed by sadness**  Mr. Hobbs is drinking a lot of alcohol because he is upset  Gloom has just moved into the house and he is very moody |
| 10 | When his young friend brought to him in triumph the parting gift o | Who is Mr. Hobbs’ “ young friend” (line X)? | **Cedric Errol**  Mr. Havisham  Dick  It is not mentioned. |
| 11 |  | How do Mr. Hobbs and Dick’s feelings differ to the news of Cedric leaving? | Mr. Hobbs is sad but Dick is not  Dick is sad but Mr. Hobbs is not  **They are both just as sad as each other**  Neither of them are sad. |
| 12 | When his young friend brought to him in triumph the parting gift of a gold watch and chain, | What is the purpose of the gold watch and chain? | It is a gift from winning a competition  **It is a goodbye gift from Cedric**  It is an expensive gift prepared for Dick  It is a gift for Mr. Hobbs so that he can tell the time better |