

### **Snake** **by – D. H. Lawrence**

- A snake came to the poet's water-trough.
  - In this poem, the poet describes his encounter in detail with the snake that had come to drink water from his water-trough on a hot day.
  - He reveals his response towards the presence of the snake at his water-trough.
  - On seeing the snake, the poet experiences conflicting emotions because he is under the influence of education and civilization that have shaped his thought processes.
  - Instinctively, he begins to like the snake and treats him like a guest who has come to drink water at his water-trough.
  - But rationally, he thinks that he should kill the snake.
  - So, he hurls a log at the snake to harm him.
  - The whole poem revolves around the snake.
  - He reached down from a crack in the earth-wall and came to the water-trough.
  - The snake quenched his thirst and proceeded to go away.
  - He put his head into the dreadful black hole in the wall.
  - He picked up a log of wood and threw at the snake.
  - The poet immediately regretted at his 'vulgar' and 'mean' act.
  - He was fascinated by the presence of the snake who seemed to him like a king.
  - He wanted to atone for his 'pettiness'.
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