



CLASS IX
ADDITIONAL ENGLISH
CHAPTER 4 - HOME THEY BROUGHT HER WARRIOR DEAD
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SOLUTIONS

TEXTUAL QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- 1. What does the poem tell you about the dead warrior?**
(Look at different words used to refer to him as well as the people mentioned).

Ans: The poem tells us that the dead warrior is a man worthy to be loved, a true friend and the noblest foe.

- 2. What did the lady do when her husband's dead body was brought into the house? Why did she react that way? Did the others understand this?**

Ans: The lady in the poem, neither fainted nor cried when her husband's dead body was brought back home from the battle. She remained unmoved since she was so overwhelmed with sorrow at the loss of her love.

The others present there understood this.

- 3. Describe the attempts made by her maids to make her weep. Which attempts were ineffective and which was effective.**

Ans: When the lady got the shock of her life, some attempts were made by her friends to make her cry. So, first they praised him, saying that he was a lovable man, a true friend and a noble soul.

But it failed to stir her. A maiden, in an attempt uncovered the face of the dead warrior but in vain as the lady still failed to shed a single tear. Then, an old nurse brought her child and placed on her lap; then she started weeping torrentially.

The first two attempts were ineffective and the last one was successful.

- 4. 'Like summer tempest came her tears'**
What did the poet want to convey through this comparison?

Ans: The poet wanted to convey the unbearable pain and loss that the woman felt at the loss of her husband.

- 5. While praising the dead warrior the maids call him 'the noblest foe'.**
How can one be noble to one's enemy?

Ans: One can be noble by behaving nobly towards his enemy like showing respect to a dead body.



- 6. The lady suffered shock because she loved her husband deeply. But was there someone else she loved as much? Who was this?**

Ans: The woman loved her child as dearly as she loved her husband.

EXTRA QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

- 1. Why did the maidens praise the dead warrior?**

Ans: The maiden praised the dead warrior so that the widow could feel the loss and shed tears.

- 2. How did the lady react when the dead warrior was brought into the house?**

Ans: The lady neither fainted nor cried when the dead body was brought home.

- 3. What did a young maiden do to break the widow out of the state of shock?**

Ans: A young maiden removed the face cloth that covered the dead warrior so that the widow could see the face and weep over the loss.

- 4. Why did a nurse of ninety years put the child upon her knee?**

Ans: An old nurse put the child upon her knee to evoke emotions and sentiments in the lady; then she would be able to grieve over the loss; which would provide the much needed outlet.

- 5. What does 'a nurse of ninety years' mean?**

Ans: It means an old nurse.

- 6. How did the crowd feel about the lady whose dead husband was brought home?**

Ans: When the dead soldier was brought home, his wife entered into a state of shock and the people who witnessed the incident were worried about the young widow's condition. They felt that she must weep and let the pent up emotions go or else she would lose her balance.

