

# POEMS

## MY SONG

## Poem 1

*This song of mine will wind its music around you, my child,  
Like the fond arms of love.  
This song of mine will touch your forehead like a kiss of blessing.  
When you are alone it will sit by your side and whisper in your ear,  
When you are in the crowd, it will fence you about with aloofness.  
My song will be like a pair of wings to your dreams,  
It will transport your heart to the verge of the unknown.  
It will be like the faithful star overhead when dark night is over your road.  
My song will sit in the pupils of your eyes, and will carry your sight into the heart of things.  
And when my voice is silent in death, my song will speak in your living heart.*

-Rabindranath Tagore

## Glossary

**fond arms** affectionate open arms **forehead** the part of the face above the eyes (brows) **blessing** boon  
grace **fence** to protect **sit by your side** beside, next to **aloofness** loneliness, detachment **whisper**  
to murmur **transport** uplift **on the verge of** very close to experience

## Comprehension

### C.1 Answer the questions.

- 1) What will the song do for the child when it is alone at the night? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 2) How does the song act when the child thinks of it? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 3) When does the child feel that it is being watched and loved by the parents? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 4) What does the song give to the child? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 5) Find out the synonyms for 'vision' and 'lonely'. \_\_\_\_\_  
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**C.2 Fill in the table using the information from the poem.**

What is the song like?	What will the song do?	When?

**C.3 Tick mark the sentence nearest in meaning.**

- The song will be like a faithful star.  
☐ The song will be a shining star for the child.  
☐ The song will be a star that will guide the child.  
☐ The song will help the child to reach home.
- Like the fond arms of love means .....  
☐ Arms that would hug the child with love and comfort.  
☐ Arms that would protect the child from any danger.  
☐ Arms that would hug the child with tearful eyes.
- My song will speak in your living heart means.....  
☐ Even though the parent is dead, the song will remind the child that it was given up.  
☐ Even though the parent is alive, the song will remind the child that it was abandoned.  
☐ Even though the parent is dead, the song will tell the child that he was not abandoned.
- My song will transport your heart to the verge of the unknown.....  
☐ We can never certainly know what the poet wants to say.  
☐ The song takes us nearer to the wonder of mystery.  
☐ A song unknowingly affects our heart.

**C.4 Tick mark True(T) or False(F).**

- The song will touch the head of the child. ☐ T ☐ F
- The child will be taken care of by the song when the child is alone. ☐ T ☐ F
- The song will whisper into the ears of the child. ☐ T ☐ F
- The song will be a guiding star when the dark day is over the child's path. ☐ T ☐ F
- When the parents die, there is a place for them in the child's heart. ☐ T ☐ F

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