

# Poem

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## { THE CHILDREN'S HOUR }

word-meaning:-

- i) Pause: halt
- ii) said: entry
- iii) tussle: the poet's knees
- iv) banditti: a robber or an outlaw
- v) moulder: decay slowly.

A. Answer these questions. (very short).

Q1. What is the 'Children's Hour'?

Ans. Between dark and daylight when night is going to come a halt occurs in day's occupations that time is called Children's Hour.

Q2. Who invades the poet's Castle?

Ans. The girls Alice, Allegra and Edith invades the poet's castle.

Q3. How do invaders enter the castle?

Ans. First the invaders ~~seen~~ opened doors then the sudden rush from stairway and then from the hall by the three doors that were unguarded and entered the castle.



Q4. Where does the poet wish to keep the intruders forever?

Ans The poet wish to keep the intruders in dungeon in the round-tower of poet's heart which is inside the poet's fortress.

B. Answer these question (short).

~~Q1. What is the mood in the first stanza? Explain. Is there is a shift in mood?~~

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Q1. What is the mood in the first stanza? Is there is any change in mood in the second and third stanzas? Explain.

Ans mood in the first stanza is one of the getting ~~stanza~~ is one prepared for what is to follow.

The mood in second stanza is one of eager expectation whether father is looking forward to spending time towards his children. Yes there is a shift in mood in this stanza and the next after the description of childrens are the precious time spent, by the father with his children.



Q2. What do the Invaders do to the poet?

Ans The Invaders enter the castle through three rows that were not guarded, then they climb to poet's turret, over the arms and back of his chair. The Invaders also surrounded him when he was trying to escape. They also devour him with kisses.

Q3. Quote the lines that show that the poet welcomes the invasion.

Ans The line 'I have you fast in my fortress, And will not let you depart, But put you down into dungeon In the round-tower of my' shows that the poet welcomes the invasion.

C. Long Answer type questions:

Q1. Describe how the poet brings out his affection for three invaders. Mention the image and he uses.

Ans The speaker was affected by the three invaders and he is completely addictive to the sound of Canning and he is able to hear in chambers ever him the patter of little feet. Their voices are soft and sweet, Alice is Groom, Allegra is laughing and Edith with



golden hair, scush from the staircase and get into door and climbing in his turret also devouring him with kisses. This all thing done by Incadors totally affected the poet and he bring out his affection by keeping him in round-tower heart shaped building forever until the wall would fall or decay.

Q2. The poet uses the language of an attack by an invading army or an intrusion to describe his daughter's actions. Do you think their manners prompt him to do so? Justify.  
Ans. Yes, I think it is justified the manner in which they approach approach. The study of the poet is identical to strategy adopted by an invading army who came down the broad hall then they get to hall stairs and now from planning together to take poet by surprise then they suddenly scush from the Stairway and from the hall through those door that were unguarded they entered his castle wall. They they climbed on his turret and surrounded him and devoured him with kisses.



Q Read the lines and Answer these questions:-

1. Do you think, a blue-eyed banditti  
Because you have scaled the wall  
Such an old mustache as I am  
Is not a match for you all!

a) Who are the blue-eyed banditti  
referred to here?

Ans here 'blue-eyed banditti' refer to  
poet's Daughters who scaled his place.

b) How have they scaled the wall?  
Ans They scaled the wall by making  
plan and entering his Castle wall  
through three gates that were  
not guarded.

c) What does the speaker want  
to convey through the  
last two lines of the extract?  
Ans Speaker want to say in last  
two lines that like an old  
mustache he is. And he is  
not a match for all  
the invaders are his daughter



2. And there will I keep you forever,  
yes forever and a day.  
Till the wall shall crumble to ruin,  
And moulder in dust away.

a) Who will be kept 'there' forever?  
Ans The poet's daughters will be kept there forever.

b) Explain the last two lines of the extract in your own words.  
Ans In the last two lines poet is saying that he will keep his ~~daughters~~ daughters till the walls shall ~~com~~ destroyed to ruins and till it get decayed in dust.

c) What are the feelings of the speaker for the ones he wants to keep forever?  
Ans The poet is overcome by feelings of ~~the~~ deep affection and love for the ones. He wants to keep forever.

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