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Class-X

English

First Flight

Poem - 9



Ogden Nash

The Tale of Custard the Dragon

Part - 2

Neha Rajvanshi

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Belinda giggled till she shook the house, A
And Blink said Weeck! which is giggling for a mouse,
Ink and Mustard rudely asked his age, B A
When Custard cried for a nice safe cage. B

Giggle : हँसना

Rhyme Scheme
Onomatopoeia

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Suddenly, suddenly they heard a nasty sound,
And Mustard growled, and they all looked around.
Meowch! cried Ink, and ooh! cried Belinda,
For there was a pirate, climbing in the winda.

window

Nasty : अप्रिय

Repetition
Poetic Licence



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Pistol in his left hand, pistol in his right,
And he held in his teeth a cutlass bright,
His beard was black, one leg was wood;
It was clear that the pirate meant no good.



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Belinda paled, and she cried Help! Help!
But Mustard fled with a terrified yelp,
Ink trickled down to the bottom of the household,
And little mouse Blink strategically mouseholed.

Paled : डर से पीला हो जाना
Fled : भाग जाना
Trickled : धीरे से जाना
Yelp : चीख
Strategically : योजना पूर्वक

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But up jumped Custard, snorting like an engine,
Clashed his tail like irons in a dungeon,
With a clatter and a clank and a jangling squirm,
He went at the pirate like a robin at a worm.

Snorting : फुँकारते हुए
Dungeon : भूमिगत कैदखाना
Squirm : इधर-उधर हिलना

Simile

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The pirate gaped at Belinda's dragon,
And gulped some grog from his pocket flagon,
He fired two bullets, but they didn't hit,
And Custard gobbled him, every bit.

Gaped : आश्चर्य से देखना
Gulped : तेजी से पीना
Gobbled : तेजी से खाना

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Belinda embraced him, Mustard licked him,
No one mourned for his pirate victim.
Ink and Blink in glee did gyrate
Around the dragon that ate the pirate.

Embraced : गले लगाना
Mourned : दुखी होना
Gyrate : गोल घूम के नाचना

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But presently up spoke little dog Mustard,
I'd have been twice as brave if I hadn't been flustered.
And up spoke Ink and up spoke Blink,
We'd have been three times as brave, we think,
And Custard said, I quite agree AABBCC
That everybody is braver than me.

Flustered : असमंजस में होना

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Belinda still lives in her little white house,
With her little black kitten and her little grey mouse,
And her little yellow dog and her little red wagon,
And her realio, trulio little pet dragon.