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Class-XII

English

Flamingo

Poem-4



Robert Frost

A Roadside Stand

Part - 2

Neha Rajvanshi

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It is in the news that all these pitiful kin
Are to be bought out and mercifully gathered in
To live in villages, next to the theatre and the store,
Where they won't have to think for themselves anymore,

mercifully : दया के साथ

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While greedy good-doers, beneficent beasts of prey,
Swarm over their lives enforcing benefits
That are calculated to soothe them out of their wits,
And by teaching them how to sleep they sleep all day,
Destroy their sleeping at night the ancient way.

Oxymoron

beneficent : फायदा लेने वाले
beasts : जानवर
prey: शिकार
Swarm : मंड़राना
out of their wits : मूर्ख
ancient : पुराना

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Sometimes I feel myself I can hardly bear
The thought of so much childish longing in vain,
The sadness that lurks near the open window there,
That waits all day in almost open prayer
For the squeal of brakes, the sound of a stopping car,

Personification

bear:	सहन करना
longing :	इच्छा करना
in vain:	व्यर्थ
lurks :	छुपना
squeal :	तेज अवाज

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Of all the thousand selfish cars that pass,
Just one to inquire what a farmer's prices are.
And one did stop, but only to plow up grass
In using the yard to back and turn around;
And another to ask the way to where it was bound;

Transferred Epithet

plow : खराब करना

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And another to ask could they sell it a gallon of gas
They couldn't (this crossly); they had none, didn't it see?
No, in country money, the country scale of gain,
The requisite lift of spirit has never been found,
Or so the voice of the country seems to complain,

requisite : आवश्यक

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I can't help owning the great relief it would be
To put these people at one stroke out of their pain.
And then next day as I come back into the sane,
I wonder how I should like you to come to me
And offer to put me gently out of my pain.

sane: समझदार