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Class-X

English

First Flight

Poem - 5

The Ball Poem



John Berryman

Explanation

Part - 1

Neha Rajvanshi

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Merrily : खुशी से
bouncing : उछलते हुए

What is the boy now, who has lost his ball,
What, what is he to do? I saw it go
Merrily bouncing, down the street, and then
Merrily over — there it is in the water!



Anaphora Repetition
Personification Assonance

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ultimate : अत्यधिक
grief : दुःख
fixes : जकड़ लेना
rigid: स्थिर
trembling : कांपते हुए

No use to say 'O there are other balls':
An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy
As he stands rigid, trembling, staring down
All his young days into the harbour where



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intrude : हस्तक्षेप करना
dime: 10 सेन्ट
(अमेरिकन मुद्रा)

His ball went. I would not intrude on him;
A dime, another ball, is worthless. Now
He senses first responsibility
In a world of possessions. People will take
Balls, balls will be lost always, little boy.

Symbolism

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desperate : निराशा

epistemology :
ज्ञान / समझ

And no one buys a ball back. Money is external.

He is learning, well behind his desperate eyes,

The epistemology of loss, how to stand up

Alliteration

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Knowing what every man must one day know

And most know many days, how to stand up.

