

Poem-8 | A Slumber Did My Spirit Seal

Worksheet-1



Multiple Choice Questions

- What has led to the separation of the poet and his beloved in the poem, A slumber did my spirit seal?
 - Migration to different countries
 - Disloyal behavior on part of the poet
 - Demise of his beloved
 - Difference in opinion
- Who is devoid of human fears in the poem, A slumber did my spirit seal?
 - The poet
 - The All mighty
 - Poet's mother
 - Poet's friend
- What is the reason behind the poet's pensive mood in the poem, A slumber did my spirit seal?
 - Death of his beloved
 - Losing his job
 - Some grave mistake done by him
 - His illness
- What does the phrase earth's diurnal course mean?
 - Changing seasons throughout the year.
 - Rotation of earth on its own axis
 - Change in the temperature during a day
 - Movement of earth around the sun
- Which figure of speech is used in the given line?
A slumber did my spirit seal.
 - Imagery
 - Transferred Epithet
 - Alliteration
 - Symbolism
- What does the phrase earthly years refer to in the poem, A slumber did my spirit seal?
 - Rotation of earth
 - Passing of time
 - Hardships faced on earth
 - Revolution of earth
- What is the rhyming scheme of the poem, A slumber did my spirit seal?
 - abcd abcd
 - abba cddc
 - Free verse
 - abab cdcd
- Who is the poet of the poem, A slumber did my spirit seal?
 - William Shakespeare
 - Robert Frost
 - Ruskin Bond
 - William Wordsworth

9. Who became a part of earth's diurnal course in the poem, A slumber did my spirit seal?

- (a) The poet's brother (b) The supreme being
(c) The poet's beloved (d) The poet

10. Which human fears constantly pester mankind in the given line?

No motion has she now, no force,

- (a) Fear of death (b) All of these
(c) Fear of separation from loved ones (d) Fear of facing the unexpected

Fill in the blanks :

11. After death, the beloved becomes a part of _____ and can no longer feel the touch of earthly years.
12. The poem 'A Slumber Did My Spirit Seal' is written by _____.

True / False

13. The poet believes that death has disconnected his beloved from all worldly experiences.
14. After death, Lucy still has the ability to feel and perceive earthly sensations.

Very Short Type Questions

15. How does the poet's beloved become an inseparable part of nature? Write your answer in the context of A Slumber Did My Spirit Seal..
16. Why does the poet refer the word slumber in the poem?

Short Type Questions

17. How does she become an inseparable part of nature? Write your answer in the context of the Poem 'A Slumber Did My Spirit Seal'.
18. Explain the line 'She seemed a thing that could not feel'? Write your answer in the context of the Poem 'A Slumber Did My Spirit Seal'.

Essay Type Questions

19. Read the extract given below and answer the questions that follow.

A slumber did my spirit seal

I had no human fears

She seemed a thing that could not feel.

The touch of earthly years.

- What has sealed the poet's spirit?
- What is the reason for the absence of typical human fears in the poet's mind? Answer in about 40 words.
- How does the poet feel in the given lines?
 - cheerful
 - depressed
 - enraged
 - petrified
- The rhyming scheme used in the given stanza is _____.

20. What is the theme of the poem A Slumber Did My Spirit Seal?

HOTS

21. **Assertion (A)** : The poet accepts the death of his beloved by imagining her as an eternal part of nature.

Reason (R) : He believes she has become free from all human fears and worldly attachments.

- Both A and R are true, and R is the correct explanation of A.
- Both A and R are true, but R is not the correct explanation of A.
- A is true, but R is false.
- A is false, but R is true.

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Answer & Solution



1. (c)
The sudden and unexpected death of the poet's beloved separated the two souls and left the poet in a lamenting state of mind.
2. (a)
The poet after the death of his beloved has accepted the universal truth that death is inevitable. He, now, is devoid of any common human fear that constantly chains our souls.
3. (a)
A poet is full of grief and sorrow as he has lost his beloved. Her sudden death has shaken him.
4. (b)
The earth rotates on its own axis causing the transition between day and night.
5. (c)
Alliteration refers to the use of the same letter or sound at the beginning of closely connected words.
6. (b)
Earthly years refer to the years that have passed on earth. The poet uses his poetic liberty to refer to time as earthly years.
7. (d)
This rhyming scheme matches the phonetic patterns followed by the ending words of each line.
8. (d)
The poem is written by an English romantic poet, William Wordsworth in the year 1798.
9. (c)
The poet's beloved had died and was buried. The poet insisted that his beloved was now an inseparable part of the earth.
10. (b)
These are the common worldly fears that have chained our souls.
11. nature
12. William Wordsworth
13. True
14. False
15. Death has turned his loved one into a part of nature. The poet mentions that there is no motion in the body of his beloved as the death has overcome her. All her senses are dead by now. As the earth completes its routine of day and night with the rocks, stones and trees, so does the beloved of the poet. She has become a part of nature now.

16. The poet here refers 'slumber' for death. The literal meaning of slumber is deep sleep which is used here for death. It invokes the feelings of memories which are still there.
17. She becomes an integral part of nature. She is trapped under the surface of the earth and is rolled round in earth's course with rocks, stones, and trees. She is no longer alive now and the poet wants to remember his beloved through with the poem.
18. It means that she is dead now. She has no sense of feeling any human emotions. She can't feel grief or happiness. The passing of time will no longer affect her.
19. a. The death of his beloved one has sealed the poet's spirit.
b. The poet's spirit had descended into a profound slumber, oblivious to unfolding events. He had never contemplated that a time would come when death would separate him from Lucy. Devoid of apprehensions, he remained impervious to sensations, his emotions numbed.
c. (ii) depressed
d. abab
The stanza follows the rhyming scheme abab, where the second and fourth lines rhyme.
20. In this poem, William Wordsworth's deep love for nature has been expressed. He imagines that it is a point of relief and peace for him if someone near and dear becomes a part of nature after his/her death. It is a poem about the death of a loved one of the poet. The poet says that his soul has been sealed by the deep sleep of a lovely child whom he loved very much. But when he thinks that the child has become a part and parcel of nature, this gives him some relief and peace.
21. (a)
The poet deals with grief by imagining that Lucy has become part of the eternal natural world. He finds peace in knowing that she is beyond earthly suffering, pain, or time.