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CLASS - X

ENGLISH

First Flight

POEM - 2

THE BALL POEM

Part – 1

Explanation

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John Berryman (October 25, 1914 – January 7, 1972) was an American poet and scholar.

This poem is about losing something that we love and then learning to grow up.

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Anaphora, Repetition, Personification





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!
No use to say 'O there are other balls':



Merrily	:	সুখেৰে
Bouncing	:	ওপৰলৈ উঠি আহি আকৌ তললৈ বাগৰি যায়

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An ultimate shaking grief fixes the boy
As he stands rigid, trembling, staring down
All his young days into the harbour where
His ball went. I would not intrude on him;

Ultimate	:	শেষ পর্যায়
Grief	:	দুখ
Fixes	:	সমাধান কৰা হৈছে
Rigid	:	স্থিৰ
Trembling	:	কঁপি কঁপি
Harbour	:	বন্দৰ
Intrude	:	হস্তক্ষেপ

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Symbolism



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.

Dime : ১০ চেণ্ট (আমেৰিকাৰ মুদ্রা)
Possessions : সম্পত্তি

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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
Knowing what every man must one day know
And most know many days, how to stand up.

Desperate : হতাশা
Epistemology : জ্ঞান/বুজাবুজি

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1 What is the central emotion experienced by the boy in the poem?

A. Happiness

B. Sadness

C. Excitement

D. Anger

ASSESSMENT



2 What does the poet suggest about the boy's realization regarding loss?

- **A** Loss is inevitable and part of life.
- **B** Loss only happens to careless people.
- **C** Loss can be avoided with proper care.
- **D** Loss is temporary and can always be replaced.

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3 According to the poem, what is the significance of the boy's loss of the ball?

A It teaches him the value of money.

B It shows him the importance of friends.

C It helps him understand the concept of responsibility.

D It makes him realize the need for better toys.