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CLASS - X

ENGLISH

First Flight

POEM - 5

THE TALE OF CUSTARD THE DRAGON

Part – 1

Explanation

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Frederic Ogden Nash (August 19, 1902 – May 19, 1971) was an American poet well known for his light verse, of which he wrote more than 500 pieces. With his unconventional rhyming schemes, he was declared by The New York Times to be the country's best-known producer of humorous poetry.

In this poem, a girl Belinda has four pets, a black kitten, a grey mouse, a yellow dog, and a coward dragon named Custard.

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BEFORE YOU READ

This poem is written in the style of a ballad - a song or poem that tells a story. You must be familiar with ballads that narrate tales of courage or heroism. This poem is a humorous ballad close to a a parody.

Humorous – হাস্যৰসিক

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

Realio	:	বাস্তৱ
Trulio	:	সঁচা



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Now the name of the little black kitten was Ink,
And the little grey mouse, she called him Blink,
And the little yellow dog was sharp as Mustard,
But the dragon was a coward, and she called him Custard.

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Simile, Metaphor

Custard the dragon had big sharp teeth,

And spikes on top of him and scales underneath,

Mouth like a fireplace, chimney for a nose,

And realio, trulio daggers on his toes.

Spikes : কাইটৰ দৰে



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Simile

Belinda was as brave as a barrel full of bears,
And Ink and Blink chased lions down the stairs,
Mustard was as brave as a tiger in a rage,
But Custard cried for a nice safe cage.

Rage : খং

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Belinda tickled him, she tickled him unmerciful,
Ink, Blink and Mustard, they rudely called him Percival,
They all sat laughing in the little red wagon
At the realio, trulio, cowardly dragon.

Unmerciful : নির্দয়ভাৱে
Tickled : কুট কুটি

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

Giggle : হাঁহি
Rudely : অভদ্ৰ

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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.

Nasty : অপ্ৰীতিকৰ

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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.





Cutlass : ছুৰী
Pirate : জলদস্যু

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1 Which of Belinda's pets always sought a safe cage?

A Ink

B Blink

C Mustard

D Custard

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2 This poem is a ___ ballad.

- A Humorous
- B Fearful
- C Tragedy
- D None of the above

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3 Who was Blink?

A Kitten

B Mouse

C Dog

D Dragon