

CLASS – 10

ENGLISH

First Flight

CH-7 : Madam Rides the Bus

Part – 1

A World Beyond the Door

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OVERVIEW

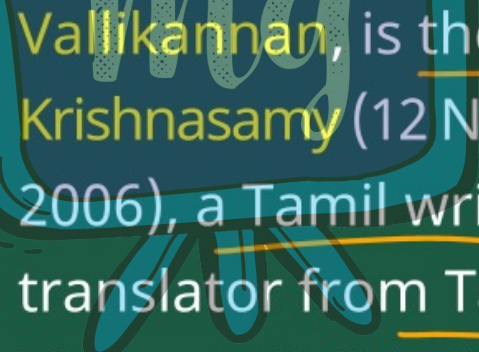
1. A World Beyond the Door

2. A Courageous Step

3. The Magic of Discovery

4. The Return to Home



 Vallikannan, is the pseudonym of R. S. Krishnasamy (12 November 1920 – 9 November 2006), a Tamil writer, journalist, critic, and translator from Tamil Nadu, India. Through Valli in "Madam Rides the Bus", Vallikannan depicts the curious nature of the children.

BEFORE YOU READ

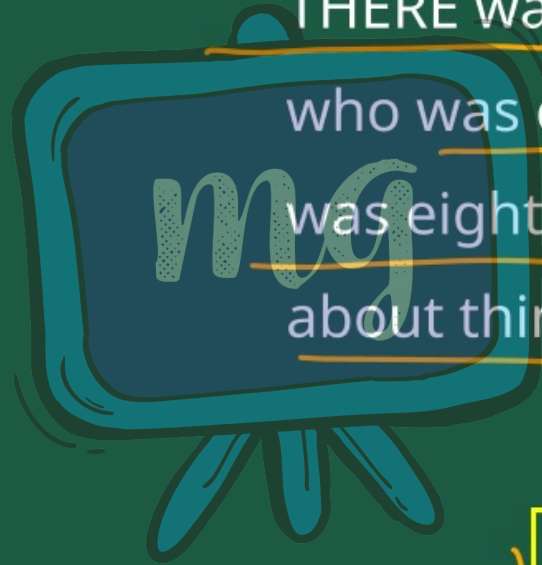
In this sensitive story, an eight-year old girl's first bus journey into the world outside her village is also her induction into the mystery of life and death. She sees the gap between our knowing that there is death, and our understanding of it.

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THERE was a girl named Valliammai
who was called Valli for short. She
was eight years old and very curious
about things.



✓ Curious : जिज्ञासु

Her favourite pastime was standing
in the front doorway of her house,
watching what was happening in the
street outside.



Watching the street gave her many
new **unusual** experiences.

The most **fascinating** thing of all
was the bus that travelled
between her village and the nearest
town. It passed through her street
each hour, once going to the town

Unusual : असामान्य/अनोखा
Fascinating : रोचक

and once coming back. The sight of the bus,
filled each time with a new set of passengers,
was a source of unending joy for Valli.

Day after day she watched the bus, and
gradually a tiny wish crept into her head and
grew there: she wanted to ride on that bus, even
if just once. This wish became stronger and
stronger, until it was an overwhelming desire.

Crept into : रेंगना/आना

Overwhelming : तीव्र

Desire : इच्छा

Valli would stare wistfully at the people who got on or off the bus when it stopped at the street corner.

Their faces would kindle in her longings, dreams, and hopes. If one of her friends happened to ride the bus and tried to describe the sights

Wistfully	:	आतुरतापूर्वक
Kindle	:	जाग्रत करना
Longings	:	चाहत

of the town to her, Valli would be too jealous to listen and would shout, in English: “Proud! proud!” Neither she nor her friends really understood the meaning of the word, but they used it often as a slang expression of disapproval. Over many days and months Valli listened carefully to

Slang Expression : अनौपचारिक भाषा
Disapproval : अस्वीकृति

conversations between her
neighbours and people who
regularly used the bus, and she also
asked a few **discreet** questions here
and there. This way she picked up
various small details about the bus
journey. The town was six miles

Conversations : बातचीत
Discreet : सावधान

from her village. The fare was thirty paise one way "which is almost nothing at all," she heard one well-dressed man say, but to Valli, who scarcely saw that much money from one month to the next, it seemed a fortune. The trip to the town took

Scarcely	:	मुश्किल से
Fortune	:	बड़ी धनराशि

forty-five minutes. On reaching

town, if she stayed in her seat and

paid another thirty paise, she could

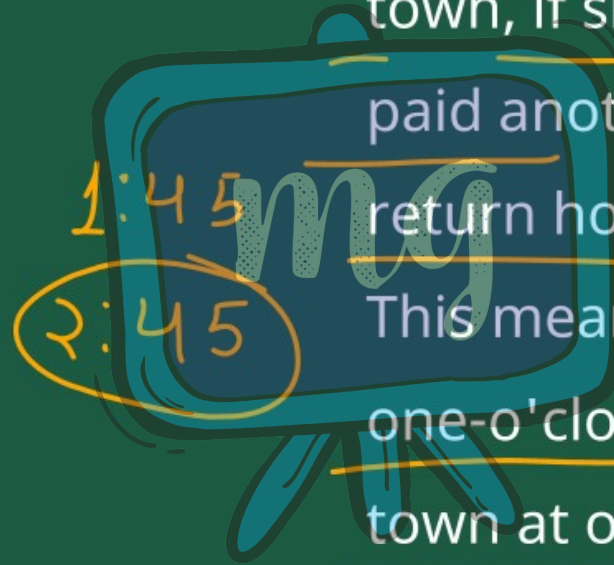
return home on the same bus.

This meant that she could take the

one-o'clock afternoon bus, reach the

town at one forty-five, and be back

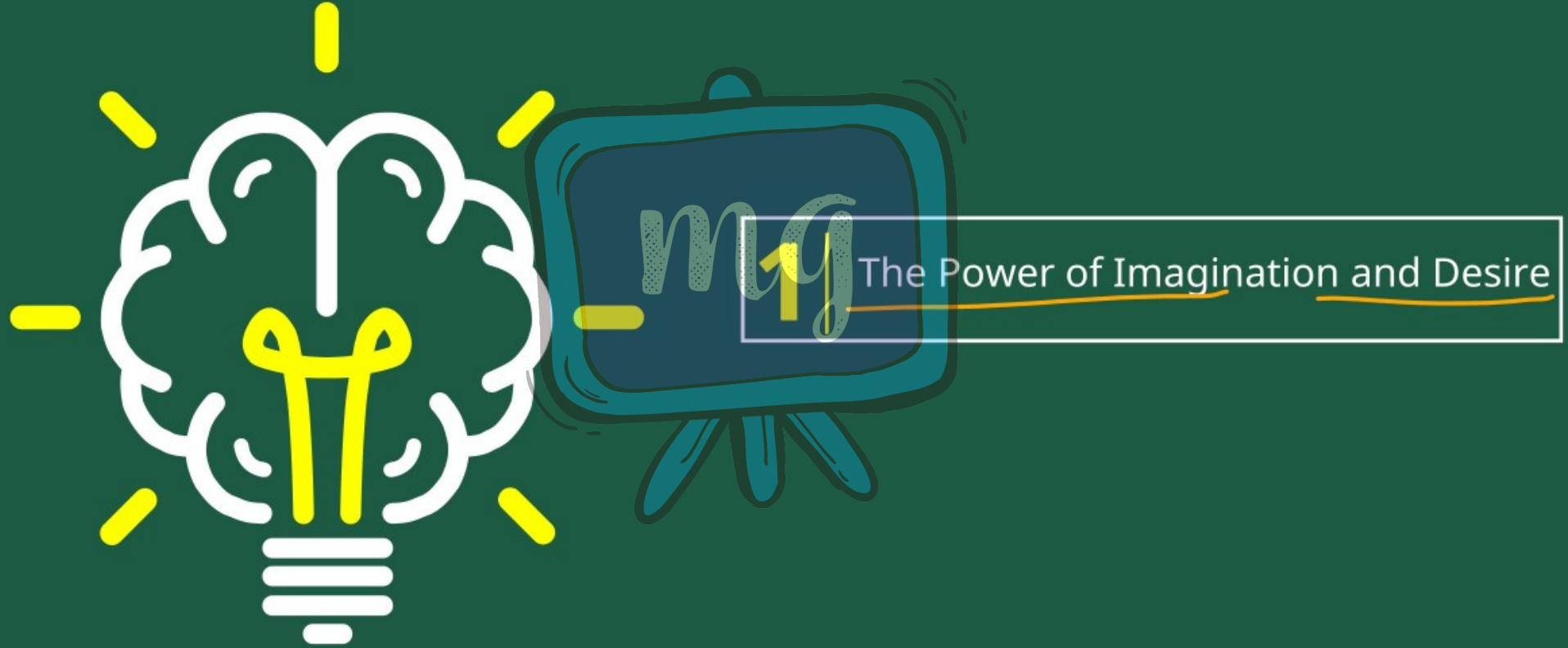
home by about two forty-five...



On and on went her thoughts as she
calculated and recalculated, planned
and replanned.



LEARNING OUTCOMES



ASSESSMENT



1

What was Valli's favorite pastime?

A

Watching people on the street.

B

Playing with her friends.

C

Going to the town.

D

Helping with household chores.



ASSESSMENT



2

What does the word "wistfully" convey about Valli's feelings towards the bus?

A

She was angry.

B

She was sad.

C

She was indifferent.

D

She was excited.