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CLASS - IX

ENGLISH

BEEHIVE

POEM - 5

A SLUMBER DID MY SPIRIT SEAL

Part – 1
Explanation

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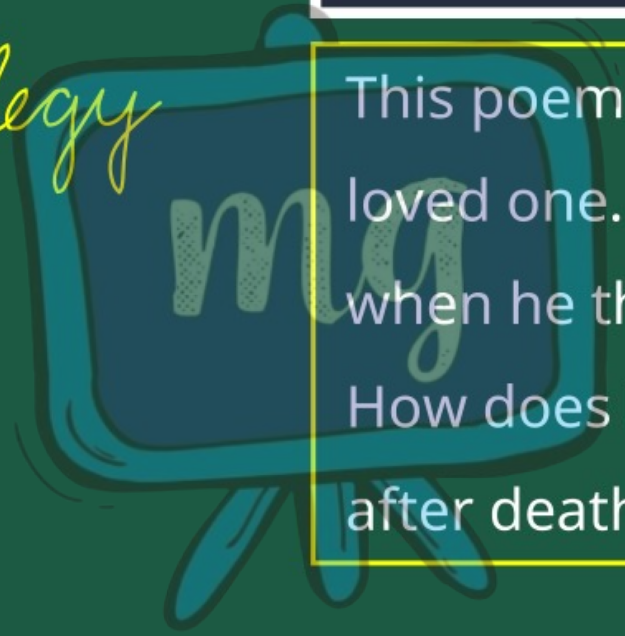
William Wordsworth (7 April 1770 – 23 April 1850) was an English Romantic poet who, with Samuel Taylor Coleridge, helped to launch the Romantic Age in English literature with their joint publication Lyrical Ballads (1798).

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BEFORE YOU READ

Elegy



This poem is about the death of a loved one. How does the poet feel when he thinks about her death? How does he imagine her to be, after death?

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Rhyming Scheme

abababcdcd

Alliteration

Metaphor

Enjambment

A slumber did my spirit seal— a

I had no human fears. b

She seemed a thing that could not

feel a

The touch of earthly years. b



Slumber	:	গভীৰ নিদ্রা
Spirit	:	আত্মা

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Alliteration

No motion has she now, no force—
She neither hears nor sees,
Rolled round in earth's diurnal course
With rocks and stones and trees.

WILLIAM WORDSWORTH

Diurnal: দৈনিক

Earth's diurnal course : পৃথিৱীৰ দৈনিক গতি / আহ্নিক গতি

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1 Which literary device is used in the line, "She seemed a thing that could not feel"?

A Personification

B Metaphor

C Imagery

D Both B and C

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2 Identify the tone of the poem.

A Joyful

B Melancholic

C Optimistic

D Fearful

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3 What does the phrase "No motion has she now, no force" indicate?

A Eternal rest after death.

B Lack of willpower.

C Immortality.

D Her detachment from the poet.