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# CLASS - IX

# ENGLISH

## BEEHIVE

## POEM - 5

## A SLUMBER DID MY SPIRIT SEAL

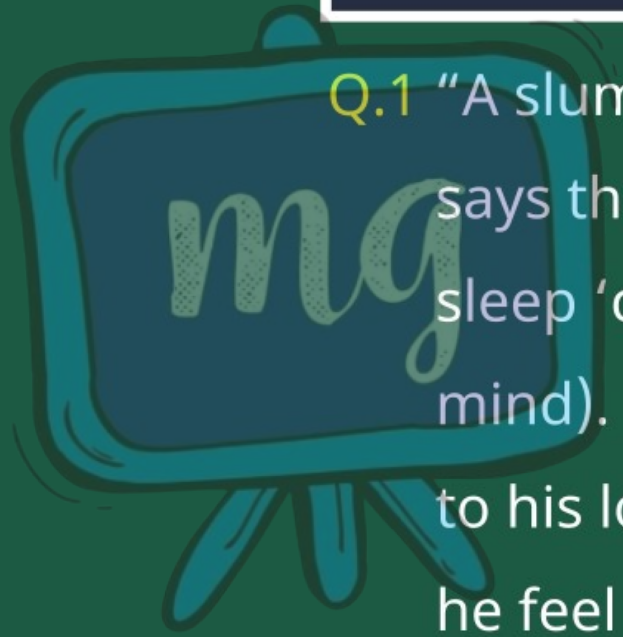
Part – 2
Comprehension

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# THINKING ABOUT THE POEM



Q.1 "A slumber did my spirit seal", says the poet. That is, a deep sleep 'closed off' his soul (or mind). How does the poet react to his loved one's death? Does he feel deep sense of grief? Or does he feel a great peace?

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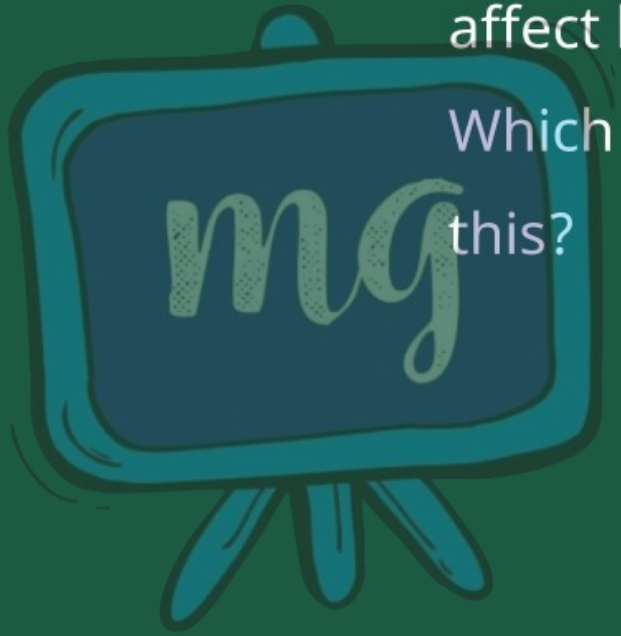
Answer: In the poem, the poet is deeply affected by the death of his loved one. At first, he feels sadness and pain, but over time, this grief fades as he comes to accept her death. He begins to understand that she has become a part of nature, and that she is beyond the physical world.

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The poet no longer feels the usual human fears or worries. Instead, he finds peace in the thought that his loved one is motionless and beyond time, in a state that is beyond earthly concerns.

Q.2 The passing of time will no longer affect her, says the poet. Which lines of the poem say this?



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Answer: The lines which convey that the poet's beloved is no longer affected by the passing of time are:

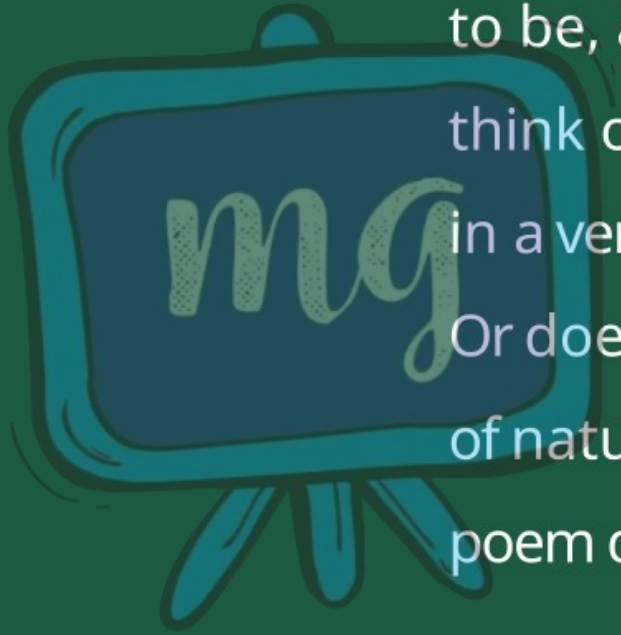
"She seemed a thing that could not feel

The touch of earthly years."

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Q.3 How does the poet imagine her to be, after death? Does he think of her as a person living in a very happy state (a 'heaven')? Or does he see her now as a part of nature? In which lines of the poem do you find your answer?



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Answer: The poet imagines her lying under the earth and rolling round with earth's daily rotation. No, he does not think her as a person living in a very happy state (a 'heaven'). He sees her as a person who has lost all her human feelings. He imagines her to be an inseparable part of nature. It is shown in the line "Rolled round in earth's diurnal course With rocks and stones and trees".