

CHAPTER-5 | The Ball Poem

QUIZ
PART-01

1. Who is the poet of "The Ball Poem"?

- A. John Keats
- B. Robert Frost
- C. John Berryman
- D. Leslie Norris (C)

Explanation: The PDF identifies John Berryman as the poet of "The Ball Poem."

2. What is the poem mainly about?

- A. Winning a game
- B. Losing something loved and growing up
- C. Buying a new toy
- D. A boy's adventure at sea (B)

Explanation: The PDF says the poem is about losing something we love and then learning to grow up.

3. Where does the boy's ball finally go?

- A. Into the garden
- B. Into the harbour water
- C. Under the table
- D. Onto the roof (B)

Explanation: The poem says the ball goes down the street and then into the water of the harbour.

4. What is the tone of the poem?

- A. Funny and playful
- B. Somber and reflective
- C. Angry and harsh
- D. Cheerful and light (B)

Explanation: The tone is described in the PDF as primarily somber and reflective.

5. What happens to the boy after losing the ball?

- A. He laughs loudly
- B. He asks for money at once
- C. He stands rigid and trembling
- D. He runs after another ball (C)

Explanation: The poem shows the boy standing rigid and trembling in deep grief after the loss.

6. Why does the poet say another ball is worthless?

- A. Because the shop is closed
- B. Because money cannot replace the emotional loss
- C. Because the ball was too old
- D. Because the boy does not like toys (B)

Explanation: The poet makes it clear that a dime or another ball cannot replace what the boy has truly lost emotionally.

7. What does the boy sense first in a world of possessions?

- A. Joy
- B. Responsibility
- C. Anger
- D. Pride (B)

Explanation: The poem says, "Now He senses first responsibility / In a world of possessions."

8. What does the poem suggest about loss?

- A. It can always be avoided
- B. It is never serious
- C. It is inevitable in life
- D. It happens only to children (C)

Explanation: The theme section says loss is inevitable, and the poem teaches the boy to accept this truth.

9. What does the boy begin to learn from losing the ball?

- A. How to make money
- B. The lesson of standing up after loss
- C. How to hide his feelings
- D. How to blame others (B)

Explanation: The poem says he is learning the "epistemology of loss" and how to stand up, which means learning to face loss with strength.

10. What is the significance of the boy's loss of the ball?

- A. It teaches only the value of money
- B. It helps him understand responsibility and maturity
- C. It makes him dislike games
- D. It teaches him to be careless (B)

Explanation: The PDF explains that the loss helps the boy understand responsibility, resilience, and the process of growing up.