

Class 9 English chapter Rain on the Roof

About the poet: Coates Kinney was a lawyer, politician, journalist .and poet from USA .Kinney caught an inspiration one night trying to sleep in the old college dormitory, and there put on paper this beautiful bit of verse ,'The rain on the Roof'. This poem made him famous. He began travelling and is on the journey yet. Kinney has written a few poetry and no great amount of prose, yet several of his production is still live.

Answer the following question:

1. What do the following phrases mean to you?
 - A. Humid shadows
 - B. Starry spheres
 - C. What a bliss
 - D. A thousand dreamy fancies in to busy being start.
 - E. A thousand recollections wave their air-threads in to woof.

Answers:

- A. **Humid shadows**: these are the shadows of different things which become wet during the rainy season.
- B. **Starry spheres**: The area wee stars appearing group in the sky.
- C. **What a bliss**: The poet feels happy when he listens to the rain drops.
- D. **A Thousand dreamy fancies into busy being star**: The poet stars recollecting the past and finds himself lost in reveries and dreams in the rainy weather.
- E. **A thousand recollections weave their air threads in to woof**: The poet recollects hundreds of memories in the rainy season. They weave a weft with the help of air-threads.

2. What does the poet like to do when it rains?
 - A. When it rains the poet wants to lie on the bed in a cottage and listen to pitter-patter sound of the rain.
3. What is the single major memory that comes to the poet's mind? Who are the 'darling dreamers' he refers to?
 - A. The poet's mother is the single major memory that comes to his mind. 'Darling dreamers' are those 'kids' who remembers their mothers like the poet.
4. Is the poet now a child?.Is his mother still alive?
 - A. No, the poet is not a child. His mother is no more .But her memories still haunt him.
5. How is the rain a bliss for the poet? Describe.
6. The poet has developed a deep attachment with the rain. When it rains, he desires to lie in his cozy bed and enjoy the falling rain drops on the roof. There is some specific reason for it .When he hears the pattering of rain drops, the sweet memories of his childhood evaporate in his heart. He becomes nostalgic and remembers his mother. The picture of his mother reels over his eyes. He recalls his mother's love for him. Besides the poet forgets his worries and becomes filled with new hopes and aspirations. Hence, the rain is a bliss for the poet.
