

NCERT Solutions for Class 12

English Kaleidoscope

Chapter - Trees

Responding to the Poem

1. What imagery does the poet use to delineate summer's day more picturesquely than any painter could?

Ans: The poet uses depictions like the chirping of birds, insects humming, and wind playing through leaves, giving a beautiful and rhythmic background to the spectacular summer day. These observations depict the psalteries of summer where the poet has made the scenic summer more beautiful and picturesque.

2. What do you understand by 'Psalteries of Summer'?

Ans: The wind flowing by the trees' leaves, birds chirping in the sky, and bees humming around the poet bring a beautiful musical moment wherein nature being rhythmic displays a perfect summer day. 'Psalteries of Summer' is used as a metaphor to describe the cheerfulness of nature being musical.

3. In which lines are creatures attributed with human qualities? How does this add to the beauty of the summer's day?

Ans: The line "There seemed to rise a tone, From Miniature Creatures" displays its attribution to human qualities. Wherein the gnats and bees, the miniature creatures make a musical stone with the wings beating and humming, giving the poet a happy satisfaction.

4. How would you explain the image of the 'Hindered Flags'?

Ans: The 'Hindered Flags' is a metaphor used for the flowers raised high on the plant stem and spread an unforgettable fragrance. These flowers wave with elegance like flags.

5. Why are the pronouns referring to the Sun capitalised?

Ans: The sun is referred to as capitalized because it depicts a kingdom, the magnificence of the sun is described wherein he shines the brightest being a whole, and sometimes it is half, the sun also has an Estate of clouds that protects him for direct gaze.

6. Give examples from the poem to show that great poetry is a result of close observation of natural phenomena.

Ans: The lines: “There seemed to rise a Tune From Miniature Creatures” “The Sun shone whole at intervals – Then Half – then utter hid” “To let the Orchards grow” “A Bird sat carelessly on the fence – One gossiped in the Lane On silver matters charmed a Snake” explains that great poetry is a result of keen observation of a natural phenomenon, which enhances the poetry and let the readers get more involved in the poem.