

NCERT SOLUTIONS

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Chapter : 6

Chapter Name : The Wild Swans at Coole

Q1 How do the 'trees in their autumn beauty', 'dry woodland paths', 'October twilight', 'still sky' connect to the poet's own life?

Answer. The 'trees in their autumn beauty', 'dry woodland paths', 'October twilight', all represent a sign of old age and loneliness as a poet does. Autumn is the season compared to death and decay faced by nature. Trees shed all their leaves, woodland remains barren there is no sign of life till there is rainfall and spring is the season of birth. The twilight is a short duration of time that is accompanied by long darkness of night. The still sky is compared with death, as death is the only time when there is absolutely no movement in the body. Every imagery has used that links directly with death and the old age of the poet.

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Q2 What do 'the light tread' and 'the sore heart' refer to?

Answer. The poet is observing swans while he feels "the sore heart". Poet believes swans are the most perfect creatures that make his heart sore. "The sore of heart" can be described as a slight pain in the heart. When he sees swans moving around freely and carefree while he is tied to responsibilities and has a lot to worry about.

"The light tread" is symbolic of times when he walked freely nineteen autumns ago. He thinks about the better bygone days when he was not so burdened and walked freely like swans.

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Q3 What is the contrast between the liveliness of the swans and human life?

Answer. Poet is an old man now, and he envies how swans are still active young. The thing that affects the poet the most is how freely swans can fly around like nineteen autumns ago too they could, but the poet, on the other hand, has grown old and burdened with responsibilities, and he is not the same person what he was nineteen autumns ago. He sees how time has gradually decayed his strong and youthful body but swans are still the same.

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Q4 What contributes to the beauty and mystery of the swans' lives?

Answer. The beauty and mystery of swan lie in the youthful ways of a swan. The years have passed and nothing has changed for the swans. Poet feels sad to see them while his body refuses to feel lively again as it once used to, on the other hand, swans have not aged or are not under pressure of life, and on the contrary, they look more happy and youthful as ever. Poet believes it seems as if swans know the real meaning of life. While humans have to live and are constantly under pressure.

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Q1 Notice the rhyme scheme in the poem. Do you notice a consistent pattern? We use a new letter for every new sound at the end of the lines. The rhyme scheme for the first stanza is given alongside the lines. Do it for the rest of the poem.

Answer. The rhyme scheme in each stanza is ABCBDD.

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