

## LEARNING OUTCOME

- Reads poems, compares, contrasts, thinks critically and relates ideas to life.
- Refers to a dictionary.
- Writes answers to textual questions.

## सारांश

**Theme-** The themes of this poem are nature and humanity. The speaker is symbol of humanity and the Daffodils are the symbol of Nature. In the poem, humanity is a part of nature and humans have a strong bond with nature.

**About the poet-** William Wordsworth was an English Romantic poet. Daffodils is one of his noblest creations. The poem 'Daffodils' was composed in the year 1802.

## SUMMARY-

The title of the poem informs about the loneliness of the poet which he faces after the death of his brother. The endless view of the golden Daffodils in a field across the lake filled him with joy. This view was the greatest gift to him. The poet in this poem says that, once while, 'wandering like a cloud floating above hills and valleys' he came across a field of Daffodils beside a lake. The dancing, fluttering flowers stretched endlessly along the shore.

The golden daffodils twinkled and stretched in a continuous line just like stars in the Milky Way, indicating that the flowers are as heavenly as the stars. The poet's exaggeration of the number of flowers by saying, "Ten Thousand at a glance" indicates that he has never seen so many daffodils at a time. He says he stared and stared but didn't realize what wealth the scene would bring him for now. Whenever he feels 'pensive' the memory strikes and he dances with daffodils.

भावार्थ:- प्रस्तुत कविता अंग्रेजी कवि विलियम वर्ड्सवर्थ द्वारा रचित है, जिनकी अधिकांश कविताएँ प्रकृति के इर्द-गिर्द घुमती हैं। प्रस्तुत कविता डैफोडिल्स में भी प्रकृति का सुंदर वर्णन है। प्रस्तुत कविता में कवि अपने को अकेले बादल की तरह कल्पना करता है, जो घाटियों और पहाड़ियों के ऊपर भटक रहा है— निरुद्देश्य। तभी उसकी नजर सुंदर पीले नरगिस के फूलों पर पड़ती है। ढेर सारे नरगिस के फूल झील के पास, पेड़ के नीचे उगे हुए थे। जो बहती हवाओं के साथ झूम रहे थे, लहरा रहे थे, मानो नृत्य कर रहे हों।



कवि आगे कहता है कि पेड़ों के आस-पास एक लम्बी दूरी पर वे नरगिस के फूल दूर-दूर तक फैले थे और सुंदर नजारा प्रस्तुत कर रहे थे। मानो आकाश गंगा में असंख्य तारे टिमिटमा रहे हों। कवि को प्रतीत हुआ कि उनकी संख्या दस हजार के आस-पास होगी। उन फूलों के पीछे- झील की लहरें भी मानो नृत्य कर रही हों। वे झील की लहरें भी मानो उन फूलों के सौन्दर्य से मस्त हो उठी थी, खुश हो गयी थी। और कवि को तो लगा कि उसे अपार दौलत मिल गई है। ऐसा सुंदर सुहावना दृश्य को छोड़ एक कवि के मन को क्या चाहिए। कविता की आखिरी पंक्तियों में कवि अपने सोफे पर उदास लेटा हुआ है। ध्यान मुद्रा में उसके सोच में अतीत में देखे गये उस सुंदर, सुनहरे दृश्य को याद कर रहे हैं। नरगिस के उन फूलों की सुंदरता को याद कर उसके उदास मन को राहत मिलती है। और उसकी सारी उदासी समाप्त हो जाती है। जब वह अपनी कल्पना में अपने मन को उन पीले नरगिस के फूलों के संग झूमता हुआ नृत्य करते है।

## PARAPHRASING

I wander'd lonely as a cloud,  
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,  
When at once I saw a crowd,  
A host of golden daffodils;  
Beside the lake beneath the trees,  
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.



एक बार कवि एक झील के बगल में भटक रहा था, वह अकेले ऐसे भटक रहा था मानो जैसे कोई अकेला बादल घाटियों और पहाड़ियों पर से अकेले गुजर रहा हो। अचानक वह झील के किनारे बड़ी संख्या में इकट्ठे हुए डैफोडिल्स को देखता है। वे डैफोडिल्स एक पेड़ के नीचे छाए में आश्रय लिए हुए थे। सोने के रंग जैसा दिखने वाला डैफोडिल्स बहती हुई हवा में नृत्य कर रहे थे। डैफोडिल्स इतनी ज्यादा संख्या में फैले हुए थे कि कवि उनका सांख्य। का अनुमान नहीं लगा पा रहा था।

### Words Meaning

wander (वान्डर) -भटकना,

float (फ्लोट) - बहना,

Vales (भेल्स) Valley - घाटी,

crowd (क्राउड) - झुंड,

beside (बिसाइड) - बगल में, पास में,

host (होस्ट) - बड़ी संख्या में,

beneath (बेनेथ) - के नीचे,

fluttering (फ्लटरिंग) - चापलूसी करना।

### A. Questions & Answers:-

1. What was the poet doing?

Ans. The poet was wanderiing alone in the contryside.

2. What did he see?

Ans. He saw a host of golden daffodils while he was wandering.

3. Where did he see them?

Ans. He saw them beside the lake, beneath the trees.



4. How many daffodils does the poet say that he saw at a glance?

Ans. The poet says that he saw ten thousand daffodils at a glance.

**B. Read the poem carefully and choose the correct answer:**

1. What colour are the daffodils?

- (a) red                      (b) silver
- (c) golden

Ans. (c) golden

2. Who wandered lonely as a cloud?

- (a) I (b) You  
(c) the poet

Ans. (c) the poet

3. The poet saw a crowd of-

- (a) People                      (b) Children
- (c) daffodils

Ans. (c) daffodils

4. Where were the daffodils fluttering and dancing?

- (a) beside the river      (b) beneath the trees  
(c) on the mountain

Ans. (b) beneath the trees

5. The poet's heart was filled with----- at the sight of the daffodils.

- (a) pain                      (b) happiness
- (c) surprise

Ans. (b) happiness



## PARAPHRASING

Continuous as the stars that shine,  
And twinkle on the Milky Way,  
They stretched in never ending line,  
Along the margin of a bay,  
Ten Thousand saw I at a glance,  
Tossing their heads in sprightly dance.

Meaning in Hindi:- कवि के अनुसार वे अनगिनत चमकते हुए सितारों के समान दिखते हैं जैसा कि आकाश गंगा में रात के आसमान में हम देख सकते हैं। जैसे ही कवि उनपर अपनी नजर ले जाता है उन्हें एक साथ असंख्य डैफोडिल्स खुशी से सर हिलाकर नृत्य करते हुए नजर आते हैं।

### Words Meaning

twinkle (ट्विंकल) - चमकना,

Milky Way - आकाश गंगा,

stretched - फैला हुआ,

at a glance (एट अ ग्लेन्स) - एक नजर में,

tossing (टोसिंग) सिर हिलाते हुए,

sprightly dance (स्प्राइटली डान्स) - उर्जावान होकर नृत्य करना



## A. Questions & Answers:-

1. What does the poet compare daffodils to? And why?

Ans. The poet compares the daffodils to the stars that shine and twinkle in the Milky sky. The poet makes such a comparison because to him, the daffodils seemed to grow in never ending lines like the stars in the galaxy.

2. What does the poet compare them to?

Ans. The poet compares them to the galaxy of innumerable stars in the sky.

3. Why does he do so?

Ans. The glowing daffodils sparkling in the sunlight, were stretched along the bay. This appeared like twinkling stars in the sky for the poet.

## B. Read the poem carefully and choose the correct answer:

1. The poet compares the daffodils with what in above lines?

- (a) moon                      (b) sun
- (c) stars

Ans. (c) stars

2. The word 'twinkle' means:-

- (a) dim    (b) happy
- (c) shine

Ans. (c) shine

3. How does the poet feel when he saw daffodils?

- (a) happy              (b) sad
- (c) surprise

Ans. (c) happy



## PARAPHRASING :

The waves beside them danced; but they

Out-did the sparkling waves in glee,

A poet could not but be gay,

In such a jocund company,

I gazed and gazed but little thought,

What wealth the show to me had brought;

Hindi Meaning:- तरंगों के पास में नृत्य कर रही है। परंतु खुशी से चमकती हुई तरंगों का नृत्य डैफोडिल्स से बेहतर नहीं है। कवि को महसूस होता है कि एक कवि जो प्राकृतिक अनुग्रह के प्रति अतिसंवेदनशील है, वह इस तरह के सुंदर फूलों की उपस्थिति में बहुत ही खुशी महसूस कर रहे हैं। और वह डैफोडिल्स को देखकर सोच रहे हैं कि इस बात से वे अनजान थे कि कितना अनमोल खजाना है।

### Words Meaning

glee (ग्ली) - उल्लास, प्रसन्नता

gaze (गेज) - एक टक देखना

solitude (सोलिट्यूड) - अकेला

bliss (ब्लीस) - खुशी

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solitude (सोलिट्यूड) - अकेला

bliss (ब्लीस) - खुशी

jocund (जोकन्ड) - खुशी

gay (गे) - खुशी

wealth (वेल्थ) - खजाना



## Short Answer Type Questions

1. Why does it appear that waves and the Daffodils are competing?

Ans. When the poet saw the daffodils they appeared to be tossing their head in sprightly dance. The waves in the bay beside which the daffodils grew also appeared to be moving in a joyful dance. Moreover, he felt that the movement of the daffodils was better than that of the sparkling waves.

2. Explain- 'Out-did the sparkling waves'.

Ans. The poet says that there were waves which were dancing in the lake but were no match for the waves of daffodils rippling in the breeze. The joyful dance of daffodils was a way better than theirs.

3. Describe the poet's thought on seeing the daffodils.

Ans. The poet felt that one cannot be anything but happy in the company of the cheerful daffodils. The beautiful daffodils filled his heart with joy.

4. What is the 'wealth' the poet gained?

Ans. The wealth that the poet gained from the daffodils were the wealth of happiness that fills his heart when he thinks of daffodils.

## PARAPHRASING :

For oft, when on my couch I lie,

In vacant or in pensive mood,

They flash upon that inward eye,

Which is the bliss of solitude,

And then my heart with pleasure fills,

And dances with the daffodils.

Meaning in Hindi:- कवि जब कभी भी अकेले उदासीन अपने बिस्तर पर लेटा रहता है और अपनी आँखों को बंद करता है तो उन्हें यह मन मोह लेनेवाला दृश्य फिर से दिखाई देने लगता है। एकांत में जब उसका मन वास्तविक दुनिया के परेशान तत्वों से अनियंत्रित हो जाता है तो वह डैफोडिल्स की यादों की पुनर्जीवित करता है। जब उस दृष्टि की यादें कवि के दर्शन में आती है, तो वह उन्मादपूर्ण आनंद प्राप्त करने में सक्षम हो जाता है।





## Words Meaning

couch (काउच) - बिस्तर,

vacant (भेकेन्ट) - खाली,

pensive (पेन्सिव) - उदासीन,

bliss (ब्लीस) - खुशी,

solitude (सोलीट्युड) - अकेला,

pleasure - (खुशी)

### Short Answer Type Questions :

1. What do they flash upon the poet's inward eye?

Ans. The scene of the daffodils flash upon the poet's inward eye when he lies on his couch in a pensive mood.

2. Give the synonym of the words, 'bliss'.

Ans. pleasures.

3. What does the poet mean by 'Out-did the sparkling waves in glee'?

Ans. Though the waves gushed . No comparison to the beauty of the sprightly tossing of the flowers that were stretched along the sides of the river.

## TEXTUAL QUESTIONS

### Answer the following questions:-

1. Who wandered like a lonely cloud and where?

Ans. The poet wandered like a lonely cloud along the countryside.

2. What were the daffodils and what were they doing?



Ans. The daffodils were beside the lake and beneath the trees. They were fluttering and dancing in the breeze.

3. What has been compared to the stars and why?

Ans. Daffodils have been compared to the stars because when the flowers bloom and dance in the breeze they look like the twinkling of stars.

4. Describe in your own words the poet's feeling when he sees the host of golden daffodils?

Ans. The poet felt that one cannot be anything but happy in the company of the cheerful daffodils. The beautiful daffodils filled his heart with joy.

5. What happens to the poet when he is sometimes in a pensive mood?

Ans. Whenever he is in a pensive mood, the memory strikes that inward eye that is the bliss of solitude and his heart fills with pleasures.

## Creativity :

Compose a poem on Nature as; river, trees, water. Recite them properly.

