

Poem-3

Keeping Quiet

Read the following extracts and answer the questions that follow :

1. Those who prepare green wars

war with gas, wars with fire,
victory with no survivors,
would put on clean clothes
and walk about with their brothers
in the shade, doing nothing

a. **What are the kinds of wars mentioned here?**

Ans. Green wars, wars with gas, wars with fire are mentioned here.

b. **What are green wars'?**

Ans. Wars against nature by causing environmental degradation are green wars.

c. **Explain : Victory with no survivors.'**

Ans. Another war will destroy all life. There will be no survivors to enjoy the victory.

d. **What could be the ideal situation?**

Ans. Happy people walking in hand, under shady trees, doing nothing would be the ideal situation.

2. What I want should not be confused

with total inactivity
Life is what it is about
I want no truck with death
if we were not so single minded
about keeping our lives moving
and for once could do nothing.

a. **What does the poet mean by inactivity?**

Ans. The poet suggest a calm, peaceful moment of introspection. It should be totally carefree.

b. **How is inactivity different from death?**

Ans. The poet describes inactivity as a moment of peace and introspection whereas



death is the end of the life.

c. **What does the poet mean by 'to have no truck with death'?**

Ans. The poet wants a safe existence which is possible only if the man understands the basic truth of peaceful coexistence of man and nature.

d. **What are we single minded about?**

Ans. We are single minded as we think only about keeping our moving and achieving program that is meaningless.

