

4.1 Under the Greenwood Tree

Under the greenwood tree Who loves to lie with me, And turn his merry note Unto the sweet bird's throat, Come hither, come hither, come hither! Here shall he see No enemy But winter and rough weather.

Who doth ambition shun,And loves to live i'the sun,Seeking the food he eats,And pleased with what he gets,Come hither, come hither, come hither:

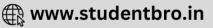
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– William Shakespeare

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ENGLISH WORKSHOP 1. From the poem, find the old word used for each of the following : • towards • here does 2. Write in your own words. (a) Who does the poet invite to join him? (b) How should that person sing? (c) What message does the poem convey? 3. Pick out the lines that mean : (a) Sing in such a manner : (b) One who wishes to join me : (c) Who gives up his desire for wealth, power, fame, etc. : (d) Life in the forest is free from ill-wishers : (e) Happy to eat whatever he can get : 4. Find from the Internet and write down. (a) In which century did William Shakespeare write his famous plays? (b) From which play is this song extracted? (c) Which character from the play sings this song?

5. **Be a poet**. Try to complete the following poem with words that rhyme with each other.

I'd love to live a life that's _______, Relax under a shady t______, And fall into a dreamy s______p, With no strict hours, forced to k_______, And sing aloud a merry ______, Untrodden paths, as I walk a______g. You ask me what I'd get to ______? Fruits and nuts and berries sw______ You ask me with whom I'd get to p______ Birds and animals, happy and g______ And if a woodcutter put a c______p Firmly, I would put a st______ So that's the life I'd like 1_____d Free from worries, free from gr______d

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