

Chapter 4: Under the Greenwood Tree

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From the poem, find the old word used for each of the following :

- towards
- here
- does

SOLUTION

- towards - **hither**
- here - **hither**
- does - **doth**

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Write in your own word.

Who does the poet invite to join him?

SOLUTION

The poet invites all those people who love nature and are ready to shun their ambitions and appreciate life in nature, to join him.

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Write in your own word.

How should that person sing?

SOLUTION

That person should sing happily just like a free bird.

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Write in your own word.

What message does the poem convey?

SOLUTION

The message conveyed through this poem is that if one wants to live a peaceful life without tensions, enemies, and problems, he should spend his life in nature, wherein he would be happy and relaxed. He should forget all his desires and rejoice in the glory of nature like a free bird.

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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: _____

SOLUTION

- a. Sing in such a manner: turn his merry note
- b. One who wishes to join me: who loves to lie with me
- c. Who gives up his desire for wealth, power, fame, etc: who doth ambition shun
- d. Life in the forest is free from ill-wishers: here shall he see no enemy
- e. Happy to eat whatever he can get: seeking the food he eats and pleased with what he gets

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Find from the Internet and write down.

In which century did William Shakespeare write his famous plays?

SOLUTION

William Shakespeare wrote his plays in the late sixteenth and early seventeenth century.

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Find from the Internet and write down.

From which play is this song extracted?

SOLUTION

This song is extracted from William Shakespeare's comedy play 'As You Like It'.

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Find from the Internet and write down.

Which character from the play sings this song?

SOLUTION

The first eight lines are sung by 'Amiens', a loyal courtier of Duke Senior. The next eight lines are sung by 'Amiens' and the people who have joined Duke Senior.

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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 I _____ d
Free from worries, free from gr _____ d

SOLUTION

I'd love to live a life that's **free**,
Relax under a shady **tree**,
And fall into a dreamy **sleep**,
With no strict hours, forced to **keep**
And sing aloud a merry **song**, Untrodden paths, as I walk **along**.
You ask me what I'd get to **eat**?
Fruits and nuts and berries **sweet**
You ask me with whom I'd get to **play** Birds and animals, happy and **gay**
And if a woodcutter put a **chop**
Firmly, I would put a **stop**
So that's the life I'd like to **lead**
Free from worries, free from **greed**

