

Chapter 4: If I can stop one heart from breaking

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What does the poet want to do?

SOLUTION

The poet wants to reduce pain and sorrow in the lives of human beings and animals. She wants to help the weak and the unhappy.

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Does the poet expect anything in return? What is the poet's reward?

SOLUTION

No, the poet does not expect anything in return. The poet's reward is the feeling of peace and satisfaction that she will get when she helps someone.

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List the phrases that indicate sorrow or pain.

SOLUTION

Phrases indicating sorrow or pain:

from breaking, the aching, one pain, fainting robin.

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Form groups of five and discuss:

There are many things that seem small, minor, or insignificant to some people but the same may be the cause of great pain, suffering for others. Can you list such things? What can you do to provide help on those occasions?

SOLUTION

very good student - gets a few marks less - very upset, average student won't be so upset; sincere worker - boss angry - this causes pain, the bad worker won't bother; animal in distress - animal lover - feels pain, one not fond of animals won't be upset; etc. Providing help - tell students to find out the cause of fewer marks, improve; etc.

