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ENGLISH LITERATURE

STD 6

BOOK RECOMMENDED: NEW ASTER ADVANCED 6
CHAP-14 THE COROMANDEL FISHERS

A. Answer the following questions:

1. Who, according to the speaker prays to the morning light? Can you identify the poetic device used here?

Ans. According to the speaker, the sky, which has just woken up from slumber, prays to the morning light. It is a tradition in India to worship the rising sun. The sky, too, follows this tradition and pays homage to the first rays of the sun.

The poetic device used here is personification. The sky is personified here.

2. What is the wind compared to?

Ans. The wind is compared to a child that keeps crying throughout the night but in the morning sleeps peacefully in its mother's arms. The wind also keeps howling for the whole night due to the tides and storm. However, in the morning, it calms down and sleeps peacefully in the arms of the dawn.

3. What relationships does the poet describe in stanza 2?

Ans. The poet beautifully captures the relationship of fishermen with nature in stanza two. She says that the sea is fishermen's mother as she feeds them and helps them to sustain their lives. The clouds are their brothers as they guide them towards their destination and the waves are their companions who keep moving ahead with them.

4. What does the speaker describe as 'sweet' and 'sweeter'?

Ans. The speaker says that the shade of the coconut trees, the scent of the mango grove, the moon lit sand on the sea beach on a full moon night and the voices of the people around are sweet whereas the waves that softly touch the faces of the fishermen as they row their boats and the dance of the wild foam on the surface of the sea are sweeter.

5. What do you think is the wealth to the fishermen?

Ans. The fish in the sea are wealth to the fishermen.

B. Answer with reference to the context:

1. He who holds the storm by the hair, will hide in his breast our lives.

a) Who is 'he'?

Ans. 'He' is the sea god.

b) Whose lives does he hold?

Ans. He holds the lives of the fishermen.

c) What does the poet mean by this line?

Ans. The poet wants to assure the fishermen that they shouldn't worry even if they toss with the waves at the end of the day somewhere in the mid-sea because the sea god will be there to protect them. He, who is all powerful and strong, will hold the storm by its hair and hide their lives in his breast. So, the fishermen should go ahead and conquer the sea.

