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CHAPTER – 4 *The World Is Mine*

ANSWERS TO THE EXERCISES FROM THE BACK OF  
THE CHAPTER

**\* All these answers must be copied in the English C.B. Copy  
(English Literature Copy)**

**A. Answer the following questions : (Refer to page number - 43)**

Q.1] Who did the poet see on the bus? How did the poet feel?

Ans.1] The poet saw a lovely girl with silken hair on the bus. She wished she was as fair as the girl.

Q.2] What did the poet realize when the person on the bus rose to leave?

Ans.2] She realized that the girl was lame. She was thankful to God for giving her two legs to walk and asked God to forgive her for her complains.

Q.3] Describe the lad who sold sweets to the poet.

Ans.3] The lad who sold sweets had such charm that the poet loved to talk to him for a long time. He was calm and very cheerful. He was polite but blind.

Q.4] Who did the poet see while walking down the street? What was this person doing?

Ans.4] The poet saw a child with blue eyes while walking down the street. The boy was standing and watching others play by the side of the road.

Q.5] What question did the poet ask the person on the street? What did the poet realize?

Ans.5] The poet asked him that why he did not join others to play but the boy did not answer him. He realized that the boy was deaf.

Q.6] Why does the poet say that she is blessed? Give reasons.

Ans.6] The poet says that she is blessed because God had given her two legs to go wherever she wanted to go. She was blessed with two eyes to see the beauty of this world and she had two ears to hear whatever she wanted to know. She realized that she had been complaining and crying for small unnecessary things in life. She thanked God for all his blessings and understood that God had given her the whole world.

**C. Understanding based questions:- (Reference to the context) (Pg-43 – 45)**

**Q.1] ‘Today on a bus, I saw a lovely girl with silken hair**

**I envied her, she seemed so gay, and I wished I was so fair**

**When suddenly she rose to leave, I saw her hobble down the aisle.’**

Q.a] Why was the poet envious of the girl?

Ans.a] The poet envied her cheerful and merry nature. She was a fair, lovely girl with silken hair.

Q.b] What did the poet notice when the girl stood up to leave?

Ans.b] When the girl stood up to leave the poet noticed that she was lame as she hobbled down the aisle.

Q.c] Give the meaning of the word ‘hobble’, and write two similar words.

Ans.c] The meaning of the word ‘hobble’ is to limp along. Two similar words are – to hop and to walk lamely.

**Q.2] ‘And then I stopped to buy some sweets**

**The lad who sold them had such charm**

**I talked with him, he seemed so calm, and if I were late it would do no harm,**

**And as I left he said to me”I thank you, you have been so kind”**

**It’s nice to talk with folks like you. You see, I’m blind.’**

Q.a] Why did the lad selling sweets think that the poet was kind?

Ans.a] The lad selling sweets thought that the poet was kind because she had talked to him for a long time.

Q.b] What you understand by the last line of the extract?

Ans.b] The last line of the extract tells us that the lad selling sweets was happy to talk to the poet since people generally did not talk to him for long as he was blind.

**Q.3] 'Later walking down the street, I saw a child with eyes of blue**

**He stood and watched the others play; it seemed he knew not what to do**

**I stopped a moment, then I said, why don't you join the others dear"**

**He looked ahead without a word, and then I knew he could not hear.'**

Q.a] Why didn't the child respond to the poet?

Ans.a] The child did not respond to the poet because he did not hear what the poet asked him as he was deaf.

Q.b] What does the poet say at the end of the first three stanzas?

Ans.b] The poet asks God to forgive her whenever she complained and cried to Him for small unnecessary things of life.

**Q.4] 'With legs to take me where I'll go**

**With eyes to see the sunset's glow**

**With ears to hear what I would know**

**O God forgive me when I whine**

**I'm blessed, indeed, the world is mine.'**

Q.a] Explain the first three lines of the extract.

Ans.a] The poet thanked God for her legs which would take her wherever she wanted to go and for giving her eyes to see the beautiful sunset. She also thanked Him for providing her ears to hear whatever she wanted to know.

Q.b] What is the poet actually trying to convey through this stanza?

Ans.b] The poet is trying to convey that in spite of numerous gifts given to us by God we are never satisfied. We complain and whine for those things which are not necessary for us. He has showered his blessings on us yet we are not thankful to Him for his gifts.

Q.c] How does the poem end?

Ans.c] The poem ends thanking God for his valuable gifts. The poet realizes that God has gifted her the whole beautiful world and given her legs, eyes and ears to enjoy the beauty of this world.