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Chapter- 2 PIANO

(Questions and answers from the back of the chapter)

A. Answer these questions:

1. What effect did the woman's song have on the speaker?

Ans. The woman's song enchanted the speaker and he was suddenly filled with nostalgia for his childhood days. He went down the memory lane and revisited his early childhood days when he used to lead a peaceful life with his parents.

2. What was the child doing?

Ans. The child was sitting under the piano and listening to the music. He was completely lost in the boom of the tingling strings of the piano and was gently pressing the poised feet of his graceful mother who was playing a melodious tune on the piano.

3. Why did the speaker's heart weep?

Ans. The speaker's heart wept as he was overwhelmed with emotions. He was filled with nostalgia and wanted to go back to the wonderful days of childhood when he didn't have to worry about the difficulties and complexities of life that he had to face after growing up.

4. What kind of songs did the speaker say were sung and on what day?

Ans. The speaker and his family used to sing hymns on cold Sunday evenings.

5. What did the speaker long for?

Ans. The speaker longed for the carefree life of the early childhood days when he used to sit with his family and enjoy the music that his mother used to play on the piano.

B. Answer with reference to the context:

1. *Betrays me back, till the heart of me weeps to belong*

To the old Sunday evenings at home, with winter outside

a. What does the speaker mean by the phrase “heart of me”?

Ans. The phrase ‘heart of me’ means that the speaker’s heart was brimming with emotions and he had no control over his memories that were forcing his heart to go back to the wonderful days of childhood again.

b. Why do you think these songs were sung on Sundays?

Ans. The songs that the speaker’s family used to sing were hymns which are sung in praise to God. The family sang these songs on Sundays as Sundays are generally observed as the day of worship and rest. So, on Sundays the entire family used to spend time together and sing hymns to praise the Almighty.

2. *Down in the flood of remembrance,*

I weep like a child for the past.

a. What does the speaker mean by the phrase ‘flood of remembrance’?

Ans. The speaker wants to convey that the memories of his early childhood days are so powerful that they come gushing to the speaker like the floodwater. As the water of the flooded river can’t be stopped or controlled, similarly, he could not control his memories from overpowering his senses.

