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Chapter 2: Robin Redbreast

(Questions and answers from the back of the chapter)

This entire work must be done neatly in the English Literature copy (C.B.)

A. Answer these questions.

Q1. Why is the garden smiling?

A1. The garden is smiling because the cool breeze has started blowing and the summer is nearly gone .

Q2. How has the speaker described the leaves?

A2. The speaker has described the leaves being in different colours like yellow, red and orange. He says that that leaves come down from the trees to host the arrival of autumn.

Q3. Why would the trees turn to ghosts?

A3. The trees would turn to ghosts as their leaves would soon fall off leaving the trees bare.

Q4. Which season follows summer?

A4. The season that comes after Summer season is the Autumn season.

Q5. What happens during the dark dead winter?

A5. During the dark dead winter the trembling night-winds whistle and moan all around the houses

B. Answer with reference to the context:

- 1. Our Thrushes now are silent,
Our Swallows flown away-
But Robin's here, in coat of brown,
With ruddy breast-knot gay.**

a. Pick out a pair of rhyming words from this stanza.

Ans. Away –gay are the rhyming words.

b. Which three birds are mentioned in the stanza above?

Ans. Thrushes, Swallows and Robin are the three birds mentioned in the above stanza.

c. According to the speaker, what are the three birds doing?

Ans. The thrushes are silent, the swallows are flying away while Robin is still waiting there in the garden.

- 2. Robin, Robin Redbreast,
O Robin dear!
And what will this poor Robin do?
For pinching times are near.**

a. What do you understand by 'Redbreast'?

Ans. It means that the chest of the bird Robin is red.

b. Why does the speaker call the Robin poor?

Ans. The speaker calls the Robin poor as the speaker feels sorry for it because the winter is about to come and its a difficult time for Robin to survive as it has no shelter to stay in.

c. What does 'pitching times are near' mean?

Ans. It means the difficult times of winter is near.