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Chapter 14: A New Start

I. Answer the following questions -

1. According to the speaker, what has vanished from his life?

Ans. The memories of what he had been in the past have vanished from his life.

2. How does the speaker describe his future?

Ans. The speaker describes his future as a strange and new territory.

3. What does the speaker say about his future plans?

Ans. The speaker says that soon he would be among those few people who plan everything keeping a long period of time in their minds.

4. Do you think the speaker wants to remember his past? Why or why not?

Ans. I think that the speaker does not want to remember his past because he says that he has wiped out all the memories of his past life.

5. Is the speaker afraid to think about his future? Give examples.

Ans. No, the speaker is not afraid to think about his future because he is quite optimistic about it. He says that his new friends would come together to provide support to him if he calls them. He also says that he would get off to a new start with the best people.

II. Reference to the context:-

**1. *They will be the first I will greet,
At this my welcoming ball.***

a. Who is the speaker talking about?

Ans. The speaker is talking about his new friends.

b. Where does the speaker want to greet them?

Ans. The speaker wants to greet them at his welcoming ball.

c. What do you think is the 'welcoming ball' in this?

Ans. I think that the meaning of 'welcoming ball' is the formal occasion where the poet will be welcomed into his new future.

**2. *I will get off to a new start,
With the best of mankind.***

a. What is the speaker referring to when he says a 'new start'?

Ans. The speaker is referring to his future where he will begin everything afresh.

b. Who does the speaker want to start over with?

Ans. The speaker wants to start over with the best people around him.

c. What do you think is the meaning of these lines?

Ans. The poet wants to forget his past. He wants to step into the future and wants to start his life again with the best people around him.