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## Poem - The Voice of the Rain

- Walt Whitman

1. And who are thou? - - - - -  
- - - - - voice of the rain

Ques - what question does the poet ask the rain?

Ans - The poet ask the rain to give its introduction and Identity

2. What does the expression 'soft falling shower' suggest?

Ans - The rain has been called soft falling shower it suggest that rain has a soothing effect.

Ques 3 - which poetic device has been used in the last line?

Ans 3 - Personification has been used in the last line.

2. Eternal - - - - - unborn

Q1 - From where does the rain originate?

Ans 1 - Rain originate from the vastland and the sea

Q2- What poetic device does the poet use here?

Ans2- The poet has made use of personification to converse with rain to know about it.

Q3- How does the rain help the seed?

Ans3- The rain helps the seed to germinate.

3. And forever . . . . . love returns

Q1- How does it give back life to its origin?

Ans1- Rain gives back life to its own origin by once again raising heavenwards in the form of vapour. Thus another life cycle gets started.

Ques2 How does rain purify and beautify it?

Ans2- Repeated evaporation and condensation purifies the rain still further. Rising vapours appear more beautiful in the backdrop of clean and green earth.

Q3- Why are the last line put within brackets?

Ans3- Last lines contains poet observation about the ~~choices~~ choices of song.

## Ques/Ans

1. There are two voices in the poem. Who do they belong to? Which lines indicate this?

Ans 1 - There are two voices in the poem. They belong to the poet as well as the rain. Lines given below indicate this:

'And who are thou? said I to the soft falling shower?' (Poet)

'I am the poem of the earth, said the voice of the rain?' (Rain)

Ques 2 - What does the phrase 'strange to tell' mean?

Ans 2 - The phrase refers to a strange phenomenon the rains give an answer to the poet's query. It is surprising to report the answer.

3. There is parallel drawn between rain and music. Which words indicate this? Explain the similarity between the two:

Ans 3 - I am the Poem of Earth, said the voice of the rain.  
Eternal I rise impalpable out of the land  
and the bottomless sea.

For song, issuing from its birth-place, after  
fulfilment, wandering

Reck'd or wreck'd, duly with love returns.

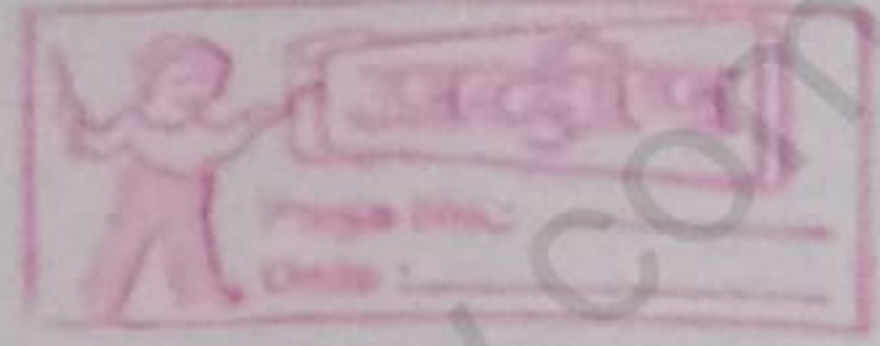
both originate from a source rise up, reach fulfilment <sup>whether</sup> wonder about <sup>weather</sup> care about or not and finally return to source of origin with love.

Ques 4 - How is the cyclic movement of main brought out in the poem? Compare it with what you have learnt in science.

Ans 4 - The main takes birth from the earth and the bottomless sea. Rain rises up in heaven from earth takes the water shape of the clouds falls on earth.

Ques 5 Why are the last two lines put within brackets?

Ans 5 - The last two lines contains a comment about music and its cycle. These differ from the first 9 lines. The first two lines are the voice of the poet whereas 3 to 9 are spoken by main. The cycle of song put within brackets to mark the difference in speakers but similarity in content.



## → Poetic devices

1. personification: - 'I' → He describes the sound of rain as voice of rain.  
→ Rain refers to itself as 'I'
2. Oxymoron: - opposite to each other  
Eg: - Recked or wrecked
3. Hyperbole: - overcasting Eg: - bottomless sea