



# HOLY FAITH PRESENTATION SCHOOL

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## Poem-2

### To Blossoms

(Robert Herrick)

#### **Q1: In what way are the blossoms 'pledges' of the fruitful tree?**

Ans. The blossoms have been called 'fair pledges' of the fruitful tree because they are indications of a rich crop that the tree is going to have.

#### **Q2: what is the poet's wish about the blossoms?**

Ans. The poet wishes that the blossoms should stay for a long time so that they can blush and gently smile.

#### **Q3: what does the poet mean by saying 'why do you fall so fast'?**

Ans. The poet is conscious of the fact that the lovely blossoms of a tree fall and fade away. But he does not want them to go soon and so fast. He wants them to stay here a while and to blush and smile.

#### **Q4: Why does poet compare human life with blossoms?**

Ans. Like blossoms, human beings also have a short life to stay on this earth. That is why the poet compares human life to blossoms.

#### **Q5: Name some blossoming trees in the state of J&K?**

Apple tree, Almond Cherry tree etc. Tulip, Rose, Jasmine etc (Plants).

#### **Q6: What is the 'Pity' referred to in second stanza?**

Ans. In second stanza pity is referred to the fact that nature brings the beautiful flowers on the trees. But after spreading their beauty and delight for a few months, they fade away.

#### **Q7: What is personified in the poem?**

Ans. Lovely blossoms have been personified in this poem. They have been shown to live and die like human beings.

### **Summary of the Poem**

In this poem, the poet addresses the lovely blossoms of a tree. He is filled with grief to see how soon the blossoms of the tree fall and fade away. He wonders why Nature brought forth such lovely blossom if they were to fade away so soon. This short span of beauty shocks the poet.

The poet gets a lesson from this scene. He comes to realize that like these blossoms everything loses its beauty in this world. All things are short lived. Even human beings have a short life to live on this earth. All things, however big and beautiful, are fated to die in the end. They don't have a long time to stay on this earth. Thus man should learn a lesson from the fate of these blossoms that he, too, like, the blossoms will live a while and then 'glide in to the grave.'

### **Central idea of the poem**

The poet sees in blossoms the fate of all living things. All things have a very short time to stay on this earth, and then they glide in to the grave. In short, transience of all life is the central idea of this poem.