
CBSE Class 06 English

NCERT Solutions

Chapter-04

Poem - Beauty

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1. The poet says, “Beauty is heard in ...”

Can you hear beauty? Add a sound that you think is beautiful to the sounds the poet thinks are beautiful.

The poet, Shelley, said:

Heard melodies are sweet,

But those unheard are sweeter.

What do you think this means? Have you ever ‘heard’ a song in your head, long after the song was sung or played?

Ans: Yes, indeed it is true that beauty, too, can be heard, like the chirping of birds. We just have to be sensitive towards our thoughts and feelings.

Our power to think, imagine and anticipate the things is greater than the act itself. The poet says that when we hear melodies, we find it sweet but long after these melodies can be heard in our thoughts as they get tuned inside us.

Yes, I, too, have heard a song in my head, long after it was sung or played.

2. Read the first and second stanzas of the poem again. Note the following phrases.

corn growing, people working or dancing, wind sighing, rain falling, a singer chanting

These could be written as

- **corn that is growing**
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- **people who are working or dancing**

Can you rewrite the other phrases like this? Why do you think the poet uses the shorter phrases?

Ans: wind that is sighing

rain that is falling

a singer who is chanting

The poet uses the shorter phrases to bring in the beauty of words and its rhyming scheme .He must have wanted to give a lucid meaning to his poem.
