

Lesson- 14

The Hope

Hope is given different names;
Some call it expectation,
Others term it future relevance
Some others think it a measure of benefaction
To me Hope is the creation of Soul
That makes us feel pleasuresome
And leap with enthusiasm and glow
In past we have survived on hope
We surmise of future because of hope
Hope kills negativity inside
And fills us with calm and quiet.
Hope makes the bird fly,
In search of food for young ones,
And material to build their homes.
It is the hope that makes a bud,
Stay on the branch and bloom.
Trees lose their leaves with a hope
That one day it will be laden with green hues.
Hope enlightens the life's gloomy thoroughfares
And makes us feel the freshness and warmth
Of the days ahead
Hope makes life go on
Life is a derivative of the function called hope
Hope is the prime excellence
Right from the day one is born.

- Rajan Agrawal

About the Poem:

Rajan Agrawal was born in 1991 in a town called Singhana in Jhunjhunu District in Rajasthan. He is a budding poet and has published about 50 poems. Some of his poems have found place in the prestigious Oxford Anthologies. Presently he lives in Udaipur

The theme of the poem is hope as defined and considered by various parties including the poet. Some others are vague, unclear, uncertain interpreters whereas the poet is a definite and certain interpreter of hope. Birds, human beings, animals and nature depend upon hope. Hope sustains life.

.GLOSSARY:

benefaction (n)	:	a charitable gift or deed
surmise (v)	:	guess, estimate, expect
laden (adj)	:	filled with a great quantity
hues (n)	:	colours, appearance
derivative (n)	:	a security with a price that is dependent upon or derived from assets

ACTIVITY 1: COMPREHENSION

A. Say whether the following statements are True or False. Write 'T' for true and 'F' for false:

1. Hope is given a single name by all.
2. Hope kills negativity.
3. Hope makes our life dark and gloomy.
4. Hope suspends life.
5. Life is a function and hope is a derivative.

B. Answer the following questions in about 10-20 words each:

1. What does hope kill?
2. Name the derivative and the function of hope.
3. How do the life's thoroughfares appear?
4. What does hope mean to the poet?
5. From which day is one hopeful?

C. Answer the following questions in about 20-30 words each:

1. What are the different names given to hope?
2. What are the main functions of hope for human beings?
3. How has hope helped us in the past?
4. Why does the bird fly?
5. What is the effect of hope on gloomy ways?

D. Answer the following questions in about 60-80 words each:

1. Write a critical appreciation of the poem.
2. Explain the major benefits of hope as described in the poem.

ACTIVITY 2: VOCABULARY:

Acquaint yourself with the following literary terms:

Metaphor: Metaphor is a figure of speech which makes an implicit, implied or hidden comparison between two things that are unrelated but have some common characteristic. For example, **(i) Camel is the ship of desert.**

(ii) Life is a journey.

This comparison is different from the comparison which is used in a simile. Here we do not use 'like' or 'as'. Metaphor is not an explicit comparison. Hope is the creation of soul is a fine example from the poem by Rajan Agrawal.

Conceit: It is an elaborate, fanciful metaphor especially of a strained or far-fetched nature. Metaphysical poets like John Donne yoked together most heterogenous elements. Rajan Agrawal also chooses a metaphor from the field of Mathematics when he says "Life is a derivative of the function called hope".

ACTIVITY 3: SPEECH ACTIVITY

As headboy of your class hold a discussion in your class inviting arguments for and against "Hope Alone Sustains Life"

ACTIVITY 4: COMPSITION

Write a letter to your friend wishing him / her success in his/her forth-coming IIT entrance examination.

