

# The School Boy

## Introduction

In this poem, a school boy speaks. He is an unhappy child. His childhood is crushed in the name of learning and teaching.

## Happy Morning

The boy likes the morning. He is pleased to see the trees and the birds. The distant sound of the huntsman's horn is pleasant. He wants to sing with the skylark. In brief the nature seems to offer a sweet company.

## Unhappy Morning

However, his morning hours pass unhappily. He lives a worrisome life in the school. Neither the books nor the teacher's lecture interest him.

## Childhood

The pleasure of childhood is in being free and happy like a bird. But a child is put in the school just as a bird is put in the cage. So the child is as unhappy as a caged bird.

## The Parents

The parents should understand their fault. Depriving the child of joy and freedom means depriving the world of its spring. It is like nipping the buds and flowers from the plants. The world is a sorrowful place without happy childhood.

## The Summer of Joy

In the absence of a happy childhood, we shall have winter of sorrow. The summer (heat) of joy will never be there.