

## Chapter 11: The Coming of Spring

**Choose the best interpretation of each line from the options given.**

1. "O spring! I cannot run to greet / Your coming as I did of old"

- (a) The poet is physically unable to move.
- (b) The poet no longer feels the joy to welcome spring as before.
- (c) The poet hates spring now.
- (d) The poet is too busy to notice spring.

2. "Clad in a shining veil of gold, / And silver anklets on my feet"

- (a) The poet once celebrated spring with joy and beautiful adornments.
- (b) The poet wore expensive jewellery to impress others.
- (c) The poet is describing a fairy tale character.
- (d) The poet stole gold and silver clothes.

3. "O sweet! I am not false to you, / Only my sorrow-ridden heart"

- (a) The poet is lying to spring about her feelings.
- (b) The poet blames spring for her sorrow.
- (c) The poet is physically ill.
- (d) The poet's sadness makes her unable to celebrate, but she still loves spring.

4. "Has fallen from its high estate, / Of laughter and has lost the clue"

- (a) The poet lost her wealth and social status.
- (b) The poet moved to a poorer neighbourhood.
- (c) The poet's heart no longer remembers how to be joyful.
- (d) The poet forgot the lyrics to a song.

5. "There was a song I used to sing, / I have forgotten everything"

- (a) The poet literally cannot remember any songs.
- (b) The poet never liked singing.
- (c) The poet is too old to sing now.
- (d) The poet's grief has erased her past happiness and traditions.

6. "Forgive me, O my comrade spring!"

- (a) The poet apologizes for not celebrating spring.
- (b) The poet blames spring for her sadness.
- (c) The poet thinks spring is her enemy.
- (d) The poet wants spring to leave her alone.

### Multiple-Choice Questions

1. Why can't the poet greet spring joyfully?

- (a) She is too busy
- (b) Her heart is full of sorrow
- (c) She dislikes spring
- (d) She is physically ill

2. What does the poet ask spring to do?

- (a) Leave her alone
- (b) Bring her gifts
- (c) Sing a song for her
- (d) Forgive her for not celebrating

3. What has the poet forgotten?

- (a) Her name
- (b) A song she used to sing
- (c) The season of spring
- (d) Her home

4. What does "high estate" refer to?

- (a) A physical place
- (b) A royal palace
- (c) A mountain
- (d) A state of happiness and joy

5. How does the poet describe her past self?

- (a) Joyful and adorned
- (b) Sad and gloomy
- (c) Angry and bitter
- (d) Silent and lonely

6. What does the poet call spring?

- (a) Enemy

(b) Comrade

(c) Stranger

(d) Teacher

7. What emotion dominates the poem?

(a) Anger

(b) Happiness

(c) Sorrow

(d) Fear

8. What does the poet wear in her happier days?

(a) A shining veil and silver anklets

(b) A black cloak

(c) Heavy boots

(d) A crown

9. What does the poet mean by "lost the clue"?

(a) Found a new path

(b) Learned a secret

(c) Gained wisdom

(d) Forgotten how to be happy

10. What is the tone of the poem?

(a) Celebratory

(b) Mournful

(c) Humorous

(d) Angry