

Chapter 11: The Rainbow

Summary

- The poem is about a rainbow and how it is the most beautiful thing in nature.
- Boats sail on rivers, and ships sail on seas, but clouds in the sky are even prettier.
- There are pretty bridges over rivers, but the rainbow is the prettiest bridge of all.
- The rainbow is like a special bridge that connects the earth to the sky.
- The poet thinks the rainbow is more beautiful than boats, ships, clouds, or regular bridges.

Hindi Explanation

यह कविता इंद्रधनुष (Rainbow) की सुंदरता को व्यक्त करती है, जिसे कवयित्री Christina Rossetti ने प्रकृति की सबसे आश्चर्यजनक चीज़ के रूप में वर्णित किया है। कवयित्री कहती हैं कि नदियों पर नावें तैरती हैं और समुद्र पर जहाज़ सफर करते हैं, लेकिन आकाश में उड़ते बादल इन सबसे ज़्यादा खूबसूरत होते हैं। फिर कविता कहती है कि नदियों पर पुल भी बहुत सुंदर होते हैं, लेकिन इंद्रधनुष जो आकाश और धरती को जोड़ता है, वह सबसे अद्भुत है। इंद्रधनुष को एक जादुई पुल बताया गया है जो पेड़ों से भी ऊँचा होकर आसमान तक जाता है।

Use the words from the box and complete the sentences.

Word Bank: rainbow, bridges, clouds, prettier, sky

1. Boats sail on rivers, but _____ sail across the sky and are more beautiful.
2. The poem says the rainbow is like a bridge between the earth and the _____.
3. There are many _____ on rivers, but none are as special as the rainbow.
4. The _____ is described as the prettiest thing in nature.
5. Clouds are _____ than boats and ships according to the poet.

Choose the best answer for each question.

1. Why does the poet think clouds are prettier than boats?
 - a. Because clouds can fly like birds
 - b. Because boats are too noisy
 - c. Because they sail across the whole sky
 - d. Clouds taste like candy
2. How is a rainbow different from a river bridge?
 - a. It connects earth to sky
 - b. It has no color

- c. Only ants can cross it
- d. It's made of wood

3. What makes the rainbow the "prettiest" thing in the poem?

- a. It appears after rainbows cry
- b. It's smaller than a boat
- c. It can sing songs
- d. Its colors and magic sky-bridge

4. If you could walk on the rainbow bridge, where would you go?

- a. To the moon
- b. Back to bed
- c. Under a rock
- d. Nowhere—it's too slippery

5. Why is comparing things (like boats vs. clouds) helpful?

- a. It helps us see what's most special
- b. It makes boats sad
- c. Clouds get jealous
- d. We forget colors

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