Chapter 10: A little grain of gold

Multiple choice questions

1. What does the golden chariot symbolize in the poem?

a) The arrival of a wealthy merchant

b) A divine or royal presence

c) A dream that the beggar often has

d) A symbol of the beggar's past life

2. Why did the beggar initially feel hopeful when the chariot arrived?

a) He thought the king would punish him for begging.

b) He believed his suffering would end and he'd receive unsought alms.

c) He recognized the king as a long-lost friend.

d) He wanted to steal from the chariot.

3. What did the king ask the beggar, surprising him?

a) "Why are you begging?"

b) "Do you know who I am?"

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c) "Where is your home?"

d) "What have you to give to me?"

4. How did the beggar respond to the king's request?

a) He hesitated and offered the smallest grain of corn.

b) He gave all his money willingly.

c) He refused and walked away.

d) He asked for more time to think.

5. What did the beggar discover at the end of the day?

a) His bag was empty.

b) The king had left him a letter.

c) A tiny grain of gold among his meager earnings.

d) All his grains had turned to dust.

6. How did the beggar feel about his action afterward?

a) Regretful that he hadn't given everything

b) Proud of his generosity

c) Angry at the king's trick

d) Indifferent to what happened

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7. What is the central theme of the poem?

a) The cruelty of kings toward beggars

b) The importance of wealth over kindness

c) The value of giving, no matter how small

d) The inevitability of poverty

8. What literary device is prominent in the line "Your golden chariot appeared like a gorgeous dream"?

a) Metaphor

b) Simile

c) Hyperbole

d) Personification

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