

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?"

- 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

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