



Poem – 2 “Wind” – Subramania Bharati

Word meaning

Softly = Slowly

Tear = Split

Crushes = Destroys

Poking fun = Mocking

Rafter = Log of wood used in the roof

Crumbling = Breaking

Winnow to blow chaff



❖ Read the extract below and answer the questions that follow:

A] Wind, come softly.

Don't break the shutters of the windows.

Don't scatter the papers.

Don't throw down the books on the shelf.

- (i) Whom does the poet request in the above lines?
- (ii) Write any one action of the wind.
- (iii) Who is the poet ?
- (iv) Trace a word from the extract which means “ thrown in different directions ”

Ans (i) The poet makes a request to the wind in the above lines.

(ii) Scattering of papers/ throwing books from the shelf / breaking the shutters of the window

(iii) The poet is Subramania Bharti.

(iv) Scatter

B] The wind blows out weak fires.

He makes strong fires roar and flourish.

His friendship is good.

We praise him every day.

- (i) How does the wind affects the weak fires ?
- (ii) What is the effect of the wind on strong fire?
- (iii) Who is the poet?
- (iv) Trace a word from the extract that means prosper.

Ans (i) The wind blows out the weak fires.

(ii) The winds makes the strong fires even more strong and increases its power.

(iii) The poet is Subramania Bharti.

(iv) Flourish

❖ **Answer the following questions in 30 – 40 words:**

1) What plea does the poet make when he addressed the wind?

➤ The poet makes a plea to the wind when he addresses to the wind not to bring destruction for humanity. It should also not scatter papers, break the shutters of the windows, bring rain and throw down books from shelves.

2) Is wind regarded as a symbol of destruction in the poem? Explain.

➤ In the poem, first stanza depicts the destruction caused by wind. The wind tears the pages of the books, brings rain again, and destroys the daily life in our life. These troubles are to be ignored.

3) Describe the central idea of the poem.

➤ The poem *Wind* inspires us to face the onsets with grit and firm determination. We should be strong enough to face all the hardships of life with courage. Wind symbolizes problems and obstacles that we all face and go through at some point of time in our lives.

❖ **Answer the following questions in 100 – 120 words:**

1) What challenges are posed by wind in the life of the poet and the common man?

➤ In our lives, wind destructs our daily routine. It hampers and dampens the spirit of life around. According to the poet, rain and wind are deeds of nature that are received as the tempest forces, which destroy the old and evil inside a man in order to create joy and liberty in his mind. Wind is that difficult natural phenomenon which is very difficult to be predicted accurately just as our problems which can arise from nowhere. It can hit us at any time of our life. For frail people, literally and metaphorically, wind creates barriers. Winds do not let a frail body or a frail mind survive but on the other hand if you are strong, you have the power and the will to survive and fight back, wind can never be a threat to your living being.