

FATHER TO SON

Q1: How is the father's helplessness brought out in the poem?

Answer: The father expressed his helplessness when he says, 'this child' not 'my child', "Silence surround us" 'empty hand'.

Q2: How does the father feel about his separation from his son?

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Q2: Why does the father say 'this child' not 'my child'?

Answer: The father and the son live like strangers in the same house. There is a complete silence around them. There is no communication between them. They have big difference between their likings and disliking. That's why the father says that he knows nothing of his son.

Q3: Explain, "Silence surround us".

Answer: There is no communication and mutual-understanding between the father and the son. There is complete silence when they face each other.

Q4: What kind of relation does the father want to build up?

Answer: The father wants to build up the same kind of relation as he used to have when his son was a little child.

Q5: what does the word seed signify?

Answer: The word 'seed' refers to all the hard work the father had to do to bring up the child.

Q6: what 'land' does the speaker speak of?

Answer: The child's mind is the land into which the father had tried to sow the seeds of his thoughts.

Q7: why do they speak like strangers?

Answer: They speak like strangers because they have different ways of life and thoughts.

Q8: What kind of child had the father desire to have?

Answer: The father had desired/wanted to design a child who shared his likings and disliking.

Q9: What does the father want his son to do?

Answer: The father wants his son to come back to his father's house once again.

Q10: What does the father not want his son to do?

Answer: The father doesn't want his son to make a new world of his own and move into it.

Q11: What would the father do to shape a new love from sorrow?

Answer: The father wants his son to come back to his house. He would forgive the son for whatever sorrow he has given him.

Q12: What do the words, 'an empty hand' signify?

Answer: The words 'an empty hand' signify that neither father nor the son has gained anything from this strange atmosphere in the house. Both of them are empty handed.

Poetic Devices Used

1. Simile: Figure of speech making a comparison between to unlike things using 'like' 'a' and 'as-as'

i. "We speak like strangers"

2. Alliteration: It is repetition of consonant sound at the beginning of a closely connected words:

i. "The Seed I Spent or Sown"

ii. "Silence Surround us"

3. Metaphor: Is a poetic device comparing two different things saying that one thing is other. It helps make a resemblance between them.

i. "The seed I spent or sown it where

The land is his and none of mine"