

## **VOICE OF THE RAIN**

Q1: What are the two voices in the poem?

Answer: The two voices are the voice of the rain voice of the poet. The poet asks the rain 'and who art thou' and the rain says, 'I'm the poem of the earth'. The poet has used 'personification' in the line.

Q2: What does the phrase 'strange to tell' mean?

Answer: 'strange to tell' means that it was very unusual that rain drops answered the poet when he asked, 'who art thou'.

Q3: Explain, "Eternal I rise".

Answer: This phrase indicates that the rain is an eternal process. It's cycle goes on. The water evaporates from the land and sea. It descends as rain and washes every object on the planet. This is an eternal process of nature.

Q4: There is a parallel drawn between rain and music. Which phrase indicated this?

Answer: "I'm the poem of earth".

"For song issuing from its birth place".

Q5: How is the cyclic movement of rain brought out in the poem?

Answer: The poet explains that the rain descends in the form of water. First the water Evaporates rise from the land and sea. They go upward and form rain clouds in the sky. Finally, rain descends again on the earth and wash every object on the planet.

Q6: Why are the last two lines are put in brackets?

Answer: The last two lines are put within brackets because they are not the voice of the rain.

### **Poetic Devices Used**

1. Personification: Personification is an attribution of human characteristic to something non-human like animals, vegetation and abstract notions.

i. "I am the poem of earth, said the voice of rain"

2. Hyperbole: Thus, hyperbole is use of words or phrase that exaggerate or overemphasize the basic statement to add grandeur to the subject or a noun.
  - i. "Bottomless sea"
3. Imagery: is use of words and phrases that create a mental picture of the character in the mind of the readers and thus allow the reader to make a mental picture of the situation. It makes the reader see, feel, smell and even taste the thing or situation.
  - i. "Soft falling rain"
4. Metaphor: Is a poetic device comparing two different things saying that one thing is other. It helps make a resemblance between them.
  - i. "I am the poem of earth"