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## **SUMMARY AND ANALYSIS OF POEM**

### **LAUGH AND BE MERRY By JOHN MASEFIELD**

Laugh And Be Merry is a highly optimistic poem written by John Masefield. This poem makes a passionate plea to enjoy life to the maximum. The Poet says that sufferings are a part of our life, but we can overcome them with a smile on our face. The Poet says that laugh and be merry should be the motto of our life. The Poet says that we can make the world better to live in by our joyous laughter. We can defend ourselves against pain of life by giving a blow in their face.

The Poet says that life is very short so we should enjoy each and every moment of it. Man is the loftiest creation of God. We should feel proud that we belong to this race. The Poet says that God created this world for our enjoyment. He says that the world is like a vessel. God filled this vessel with strong and red wine of happiness and joy. God also created the sky and earth for our enjoyment. So we should feel and enjoy the beauty of all these beautiful natural objects. He has created sky for us. The sky is like a cup. He filled this cup with the wine of happiness and delight. We must drink from this cup, i.e., we must enjoy the beauty of twinkling stars and the moonlit sky. We must enjoy the beautiful procession of stars moving across the sky.

The Poet further advises us to fight the battle of life with a smile on our face. The Poet says that everything we see on this green earth is made by God for the enjoyment of mankind. The Poet says that God created us all; so, we are like a brothers. Poet says that this world is like beautiful inn. We all are guests in the room of this inn for sometime. This means that life is short, like a stay in an inn. So we should sing and dance and enjoy life. Life is like a game and we should play it happily till the end. We should enjoy our life till the day of doom.

#### **Explanation with Reference to the Context:**

##### **Stanza 1**

Laugh and be merry, remember, better the world with a song better the world with a blow in the teeth of a wrong laugh, for the time is brief, a thread the length of a span laugh, and the proud to belong to the old proud pageant of man.”

### **Reference to Context**

The lines quoted above have been taken from the poem 'Laugh And Be Merry' written by John Masefield. The title itself indicates the central theme of the poem. The Poet says that life is short, so the principle of our life should be to laugh and make merry. Sufferings are a part of our life but we can subdue them by a smile on our lips. This poem makes a passionate plea to enjoy the life to the maximum.

### **Explanation**

In these lines, the poet says that we should lead a cheerful and carefree life. Laugh and be merry should be the motto of our life. We can make the world better to live in by our joyous laughter. We can relieve ourselves from pains of life by giving a blow in their face. The Poet suggests that life is very short. So, we should enjoy each and every minute of it. Man is the loftiest creation of God. We should feel proud that we belong to this race.

### **Stanza 2**

### **Explanation**

The Poet says that God created us. He also created this world for our enjoyment like the enjoyment of listening to a song. The World is like a vessel. And God filled this vessel with strong and red wine of happiness and joy. God also created the sky and the earth for our enjoyment. So, we should feel and enjoy the beauty of all these beautiful natural objects.

### **Stanza 3**

### **Explanation**

In these lines the poet says that God created this world for our enjoyment. He says that sky is like a cup. He filled this cup with the wine of happiness and delight. We must drink from this cup, i.e., we must enjoy the beauty of the twinkling stars and the moonlit sky. We must enjoy the beautiful procession of stars moving across the sky. We should fight the battle of life with a

smile on our face. Everything that we see on this green earth is made by God for the joy of mankind.

#### **Stanza 4**

#### **Explanation**

The Poet says that God created us all; so, we are like brothers. So we should laugh and make merry together like brothers. The Poet says that this world is like a beautiful inn. We all are guests in the room of inn for some time. This means life is short-lived, like the stay in an inn. So we should sing and dance and enjoy every minute of this short life. Life is a kind of game. We should play it happily till the end. It means we should enjoy our life till our death.

#### MCQ

- 1. The poem Laugh and Be Merry' is written by**  
A. William Shakespeare B. Ruskin Bond **C. John Masefield** D.Portia
- 2.God made Heaven and Earth for**  
A. Fighting B. singing C.dancing **D.joy**
- 3.God filled the Heaven and Earth with**  
**A. the wine of Mirth** B. happiness C.beautiful inns D.music
- 4.According to the poet the cup of the wine of mirth is**  
A. green earth **B. the blue sky** C. beautiful inn D. very big
- 5. According to the poet, we should join the jubilant song of**  
A. music B. brothers C. green earth **D. the great stars**

**6. According to John Masfield We can better the world with a**

**A. song** B. dance C. music D. good words

**7. The poet wants that we should live our life.....**

**A. Happily**

B. Face the hardship

C. Passively

D. All the above

**8. According to the poet better the world with blow in the teeth of.....**

A. Right

**B. Wrong**

C. God

D. Bad

**9. The poet describes the splendid joy of.....**

**A. Stars**

B. Sun

C. Moon

D. Sky

**10. In the poem the tilt the music ends refers to.....**

A. The music

B. The dance

C. The wine

**D. The short span of life**