

# **MCB**

## **STD-VIII**

**SUBJECT : ENGLISH**  
**CHAPTER NUMBER: 2**  
**PERIOD NUMBER : 1**  
**CHAPTER NAME :IT WAS LONG AGO**  
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**CHANGING YOUR TOMORROW**

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# EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES

## GENERAL OBJECTIVES

- Recitation of the poem
- Being acquainted with poem and poet's biography
- Understanding the idea
- Appreciate the language of the poem
- Developing LSRW Skills

## SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES/ EXTENDED OBJECTIVES

- Developing love towards small but meaningful things
- Being acquainted with the value of small things
- Understanding the idea of rural culture
- Appreciate the beauty of countryside
- Create the images of pastoral India



## INTRODUCTION TO THE POET



Born: 13 February 1881 in London, England, UK Died: 5 June 1965 (aged 84) in Hampstead, London, England Nationality: British Genres: Wrote children's literature – stories, poems etc. Awards: Carnegie Medal 1955; Hans Christian Andersen Award 1956

A testimony to perseverance, Eleanor was encouraged to be a writer from the very childhood which she proved a cake walk by appreciating the beauty of life and nature through her writing. She started accepting what the life threw at her and jot them down in her papers. This poem also throws light on here sweet memories.

## THEME OF THE POEM

- The records the poet's earliest memory.
- An incident that occurred when she was around three years old.
- While walking along a dusty road, she saw an old lady sitting under a tree.
- The lady invited her over and gave her bilberries and cream to eat, a 'feast' that the poet recalls with pleasure.
- Although it seems as if the poem has no serious theme or purpose, the last lines suggest some importance, more than just telling about her childhood.
- She shows that this simple, pleasant memory means much to her.



# EXPLANATION

The poet in this poem is reminiscing her past...

All the small things in her life seem very great to her..

- She loves the dusty road, mountain, old house and recalls those memories
- She also thinks of that old woman whose appearance creates ripples in her mind.
- At that time the poet was only three...
- She also thinks of the dusty road and the love the woman gave her...



- The poet was only three years old—very small when her childhood memories still make her life refresh...
- The old lady sang softly and the cat purred.
- She served the poet berries and cream that the poet loved a lot.
- The taste of the berries, the feel of the summer still linger in his memory...
- The only sadness and melancholy is she has grown up..



# VOCABULARY

- Bilberries-a small dark blue edible fruit
- Hummed-sang softly to herself
- Purr-cat making vibrating sound while sleeping
- Farthest-at the greatest distance

Poetic devices...hummed, purr-onomatopoeia

## Home Assignment:

1. Write a poem about your past.



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