

9th Standard English

Rain On The Roof Summary

About the Poet

Coates Kinney (November 24, 1826 — January 25, 1904) was a lawyer, politician, journalist, and poet from the U.S.

Kinney caught an inspiration one night while trying to woo sleep in the old college dormitory, and there put on paper this beautiful bit of verse, 'The Rain on the Roof'. This poem made Kinney famous. He began travelling and is on the journey yet. Kinney has written very little poetry and no great amount of prose, yet several of his production is still live.

He lived in an elegant residence and lived well. He is described as keen and witty in conversation and quite agreeable. He died in Ohio.

Central Idea of the Poem

The poet exhibits that the rain brings the poet maximum happiness, when he is lost in dream and so many fancies go on revolving in his mind. He loves the pattering of soft rain on the roof.

Theme of the Poem

The presented poem 'Rain on the Roof' reveals the healing power of Nature's Rain, especially when it is heard from a cozy bed in a lovely cottage.

The first stanza of the poem tells that it is pleasant to lie on the bed in a cottage and listening to pitter-pater sound on a rainy night. In the second, the

tinkle of the rain brings dreamy fancies with bright hues of recollection. In the third, the fondest memory of his mother is stirred before him in all her gentle loveliness by the pattern of the rain.

