

9th Standard English

Song of the Rain Summary

The rain defines itself as the dotted silver thread dropped from heaven by gods. Nature sends it to 'adorn her fields and valleys'. It is a 'messenger of mercy' between the two lovers — the field and the cloud. It quenches the thirst of parched fields embracing the flowers and trees 'in a million little ways'. The arrival of the rain is like a welcome song which all can hear but 'only the sensitive' can understand and feel it. The rain is 'the sigh of the sea', the laughter of the field and the tears of heaven'.

Silver Threads Dropped from Heaven

When the shimmering drops fall one after another, it looks as if the silver threads are being dropped from heaven by gods. Nature sends rain on the earth to adorn its fields and valleys. The raindrops are like pearls plucked from the crown of Ishtar to decorate gardens. The falling of the rain- drops makes the flowers rejoice and hills laugh. When it rains, all things are elated.

A Messenger of Mercy

The rain acts as a messenger of mercy between the two lovers, the field and the cloud. It quenches the thirst of the field and cures 'the ailment' of the other. The voice of thunder announces its arrival. The rainbow announces the departure of the rain. The life of the rain is similar to the earthly life. It begins 'at the feet of mad elements' and ends under the uplifted wings of death.

Emerges from the Heart of the Sea

The rain rises up just from the heart of the sea. It soars high with the breeze. When a field is in need, the rain descends to irrigate it. When its showers fall, they embrace flowers and trees 'in a million little ways'.

Song of the Rain

The arrival of the rain is like a welcome song. Everyone can enjoy the music of the rain but only a few sensitive and delicate souls can understand it. It is the 'sigh' of the sea, the 'laughter' of the field and the 'tears' of heaven.

Sighs from the Deep Sea of Affection

The falling of the rain is a pleasing experience. When water vapours arise from the sea, it appears as if the sea is emitting deep breaths while sighing. When the rain drops fall, the fields seem to be laughing. The drops of the rain fall from the sky as tears fall from the eyes.