

# UNIT - II

## The Brook (Poem)

— Alfred Lord Tennyson

What is poem?

Poem is an Expression of feelings, ideas, thoughts, opinions & imaginary words is called "Poem".

The word "Poem" is derived from greek language which means to make.

### Poet:-

The person who writes poem will be called as

### "Poet."

I come from haunts of coot and hen,

I make a sudden sally.

And sparkle out among the fern,

To tickle down a valley.

First line of poem is called Monostich.

Two lines of poem is called couplet.

Three lines of poem is called Tercet

Four lines of poem is called Quatrain or stanza.

The poem with 14 lines will be called Sonnet.

## Categories of poem:-

### 1) Ballad:-

Ballad is a poem written in the form of musical note is called Ballad.

### 2) ode:-

Ode is a poem which can be written by Praising someone else will be called as ode.

### 3) Elegy:-

Elegy is a poem some sort of mourning poem for their beloved ones after their death, such type of poems will be called as Elegy.

## Types of poems:-

There are three types of poems, they are

### 1) Lyrical poems:-

In this type of poems mainly based on lyrics is called Lyrical poems.

### 2) Narrative poems:-

Narrative poems means, it is based on some sort of story will be called as Narrative Poems.

### 3) Dramatic poems:-

Dramatic poems means mainly based on characters will be called as Dramatic poems.

### Features of poems:-

- 1) concept / Theme
- 2) statements
- 3) rhymes
- 4) Rhythm
- 5) voice
- 6) Imaginary assumptions.

### Purpose of writing poems:-

- 1) The main purpose of writing poems. to increase language skills.
- 2) To improve creative thinking.
- 3) To get self awareness.
- 4) To involve therapeutic activity.
- 5) To Expand world views.

### Blank verse:-

Blank verse means the poetry written in unrhymed lines & it doesn't used English rhymes to connect the lines.

### Introduction of the poet:-

The poem "The Brook" written by Alfred Lord

Tennyson. He was an English poet & he has given Laureate discrimination during the period of Victoria, Queen Elizabeth. Lord Tennyson was born 6<sup>th</sup> August 1809 & he was died on 6<sup>th</sup> October 1892.

### Famous books of Lord Tennyson:-

- 1) Ideals of King & mould.
- 2) Nothing will die.
- 3) Ulysses → It is very famous book through out the world because it was written in Blank verse.

### Introduction of the poem:-

The poem "The Brook" means small stream (A natural fresh water canal. smaller than river.) In this poem the poet describes the stream of water going through different places & its surroundings.

The poem also describes the Eternity (forever) of the stream compares to human beings, men may come and go but the stream of water flows continuous for ever.

## Summary of the poem:-

In this poem, the poet describes the stream of water running through sticky soils in zigzag manner. The stream considers itself to be human being taking sights & sounds it encounters along the way as it travels. The stream of water is a wet land where water falls like "coot and heron" (some sort of water birds lives.)

## Tone of the poem:-

The tone of the poem is cheerful as it traces the journey of the brook from its origin.

## The Brook Symbolize: (to represent something)

The poem "brook" appears to be a symbol of life which becomes central theme of poem.

## Theme of the poem:-

The main theme of the poem is that the fact of the human life is mortal (A person who is going to die in his life time) while the beauty of the nature remains eternal (forever) & they are immortal (no death).

The poem "The brook" says that human beings may come & go from one generation to another generation. However, the flow of stream continuous forever.

### Conclusion:-

In this poem "The brook" Alfred Lord Tennyson beautifully describes the stream of the water which travels from different paths, the journey shows that the beauty and the nature remains forever.