



## CLASS NOTES-ANSWERS

### Reading Comprehension

A) Tick the correct answer.

1) The mother brings a little lovely dream for the child from

**Answer:** groves of spice.

2) The dream glints with

**Answer:** dew

3) The mother has stolen dreams from

**Answer:** the poppy plant

B) Answer these questions.

1) Describe the places from where the mother brings the dream for her child?

**Answer:** The mother brings the dream for her child from the groves of spice and the poppy-bole.

2) What according to the mother are the wild fireflies doing?

**Answer:** The wild fireflies, according to the mother, are dancing through the neem tree.

3) What do you think mother means by golden light?

**Answer:** The mother might be referring to the moonlight as the 'golden light'.

C) Read these lines and answer the questions.

1) Athwart the lotus stream,

I bring for you,

a) What is the mother doing?

**Answer:** The mother is singing a lullaby to put her child off to sleep.

b) What does the mother bring for the child?

**Answer:** The mother says that she brings a dream for the child.

c) Is it possible to bring such a thing? Give a reason for your answer.

**Answer:** No, it is not possible to bring such a thing as dreams are not material things.

2) In the golden light

The stars around you gleam

On you I press

With soft caress

A little lovely dream.

a) What time of the day is it?

**Answer:** It is nighttime.

b) What kind of a person do you think the mother is?

**Answer:** The mother seems to be very loving and caring. It is clear that she loves her child very much.

c) Tick the correct synonym for caress.

**Answer:** loving touch

D) Think and answer.

1) Why do you think the poem is titled 'cradle song'?



**Answer:** A cradle is a small bed for a baby. It is swung to and fro gently to make the baby sleep. The mother in the poem is singing softly to her child to make the child sleep. Hence, the poem is aptly titled 'Cradle Song'.

2) Do you think the mother is an imaginative person? Give a reason for your answer.

**Answer:** Yes, the mother is a very imaginative person. The way she describes the dream that she says she has stolen for her child and where she brings it from is very creative. Besides, the way she describes the neem tree and the 'golden light' shows that she has a highly imaginative, poetic mind.

### **Appreciating the poem.**

The rhyme scheme of the given extract is **aabb ccdd eeff**.

### **Let's be creative!**

The illustration shows a girl sleeping. She is dreaming of a beautiful dream as she has a smile on her face. She is dreaming of a landscape in winter with a castle tower, several pine trees and other kinds of trees. The sun is shining brightly, and two birds are flying in the sky. Some clouds are also visible in the illustration. Besides, there is a rabbit and a deer near the river that has a small wooden bridge to cross it. It seems that she is dreaming about the winter wonderland and is happy to be in the lap of nature.