

A Red, Red Rose

-By Robert Burn

Summary

The poem “A Red, Red Rose” is written by Robert Burn. He was a Scottish poet and lyricist. He is considered the national poet of Scotland. he is best known as 4 pioneer of the romantic movement for his lyrical poetry. The Poem “A Red, Red Rose” is a lyrical ballad that describes the speaker’s deep love for his beloved. In this poem, Burns has sketched a very vivid and realistic picture of his profound love with the help of literary devices.

Here, In this poem writer compares his love’s beauty with a red, red rose which spring in June. He also compares his love with the melody tunes. It indicates that he is in very deep love with his beloved. The writer said that he will love his beloved. The writer said that he will love his beloved until the sea is dry and rock melts by the sun. Also, he said that he loves his beloved until the existence of life on the earth. This all represents that he is in very deep love with his beloved. He cares and loves his beloved in any situation until his existence. He loves his beloved too much and promised his beloved that he will be back one day if he goes far from her either than a thousand miles far. it means that he never leaves his beloved alone. **This poem shows the importance of love and the feeling of true love.**

Exercise

Understanding the text

To which two things does the speaker compares his love in the first stanza.

In the first stanza, the speaker compares his love with the delicate and beautiful red rose that sprung in June and also with a sweet melody that is sweetly played in a fine-tune.

What does the speaker promises in the second and third stanza?

The speaker promises various things in the second and third stanza that are; He promises to love his beloved still the earthly seas becomes dry, rocks have melted by the heat of the sun and until the existence of human beings on the earth.

What imagery does he use in his promise and why do you use in his promise and why do you think he uses such languages?

The imagery of melted rock, dry sea, ended human life on earth in the second and third stanza. In the fourth stanza, he uses images of a journey. I think he uses such language because he is in deep love with his beloved and loves very much with his beautiful beloved.

In the last stanza, what event is about to happen by mentioning the number of miles?

In the last stanza, the writer mentioning the number of miles, the event of reconciliation is about to happen. After a short separation with his beloved or giving wishes the speaker promises to return in her life after the journey that is so long.

Which images in the poem do you find the most memorable or surprising and why?

In the poem, I find the image of dry seas and the end of human lives on earth most memorable or surprising because it's an impossible event that never occurred on earth. This reflects the writer's love and feeling. It means that he is in very deep love. After reading his lovable promise, I keep on pondering the state of earth without water and life.

Reference to the Context:

a) Literary devices are tools that enable the writers to present their ideas, emotions, and feeling and also help the readers understand those more profound meanings. Analyze the poem in terms of literary devices such as simile, symbolism, imagery, alliteration, and assonance.

We find plenty of uses of literary devices in this poem that present the ideas, emotions, and feelings of the writer and also help the readers to understand clearly. Simile is a kind of comparison between two dissimilar thing by using 'like' or 'as'. The writer used simile in the first stanza where he compared his beloved with the red rose of July and sweet melody by as inlike.

Symbolism is the literary device that the author used to create figuration meaning which is broader than their first meaning that is literal meaning.. Here in this poem writer used many symbols which represent the immortal relationship between him and his beloved.

Imaginary is a literary device that represents the concept by using images. In this poem, we find the image of red, red rose, dry sea, melted rocks, end of human life, long journey, etc.

Alliteration is the repetition of consonant sound in a sentence or line. Here in this we find alliteration in first stanza and that is a red red rose and in fourteenth line that is well a while.

Assonance is the repetition of vowel sound in a sentence. The uses of assonance from the first to the last stanza in the poem.

b) What is hyperbole? Explain its purpose citing examples of hyperbola used in the poem.

Hyperbole is an exaggerated expression of something or somebody. The writer used this literary device to show/present the depth of her love. We find the use of this device in the second and third stanza. That is the speaker says that. "I will love thee still my dear. Till the seas grow dry and rocks melt by the heat of the sun. Also, while the fountains shall run on the earth. In the last two lines also this device is used. That is, I will come again my love tho, it was ten thousand miles. The speaker exaggerates the distance to show his feeling of love.

c) What is refrain? Why is it used in the poem? Explain citing an example from the poem.

The refrain is the repetition of a word, phrase, or line in order to highlight the emphasis that the poet intends to us. It is used in the poem to highlight the emphasis that the poet intends us. An example is "A red Red Rose" Here "Red" is repeated.