



## Chapter 1

### Cradle Song

#### NOTES:

#### I. Answer the following questions:

I. Who are the "I" and "You" in the poem?

Ans: - "I" and "You" in the poem are the mother and her child respectively.

II. Why is the dream described as "A little lovely dream"?

Ans: - The dream is described as a "A little lovely dream "because the mother wants her little child to have a pleasant and beautiful dream in a sound sleep..

III. What is the meaning of "fairy neem"?

Ans: - The phrase "fairy neem" refers to the look of neem trees with wild fireflies flying among them in the dark night. Also, it has magic-like healing power.

IV. What are the beautiful things that the poet names to make the dream lovely?

Ans:- The things that the poet names to make the dream lovely are groves of spice, fields of rice, lotus stream, dew, wild fireflies, fairy neem, poppybole, golden light, stars and soft touch.

V. Describe how the poet builds up an enchanted world of dream.

Ans: - The poet builds up an enchanted world of dream in her poem by her magical description of a beautiful imaginary scene with groves of spice, fields of rice and stream of lotus. Bright dew on the plants and trees, wild fireflies among the neem trees and the poppy plants make it even more attractive. The glittering stars of the night again make it a complete dream world

**2. Explain what the poet means by:**

I. From the poppybole

For you I stole

A little lovely dream.

Ans: - What the poet means by the above given line is that the mother brings a beautiful dream for her child secretly from the poppybole which has sleep inducing effect.

II. On you I press

With soft caress

A little lovely dream

Ans: - What the poet means by the above given lines is that the mother touches her child lovingly and gently and wishes him sweet dream.



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