



Lesson 16

The Skylark

NOTES:

About the poet :

Christina Georgina Rossetti was an English poet who wrote various romantic, devotional, and children's poem. Born 5 December 1830 London, England. Died 29 December 1894 London, England. Her famous poems includes, "Echo", "The Rainbow", "What is Pink", "who has seen the wind", "uphill", etc.

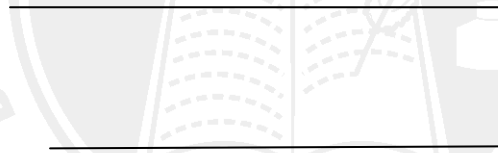
Substance of the poem:

The poem tells of a sunny morning when the earth is green and the sky is blue, the poetess heard and saw at the far distance a skylark singing between the two above the corn field. Below the skylark ,i.e. the flat landscape the butterflies were dancing on the wing but the singing skylark ignored them and continued to soar(fly high) and sing beautifully and joyfully flying high . The cornfield stretched to right and left all with light green signifying the spring season when the birds are happy to feed and the poetess knew that the Skylark had a nest somewhere which is unseen but the magical moment passed away as the day ended the Skylark too slipped away to his mate. In the nest the mate of the skylark must be listening to its songs longer. The poetess brings out the beauty of the English countryside, which is enchanted by some charming natural imagery of the sky and the Earth together by using a bird singing between the two. It describes about the life and nature in harmony.



Word Meaning:

1. sunny: bright with sunlight
2. morn: morning
3. speck: very small spot
4. corn: grain plant
5. stage: flat landscape
6. gay accord: in happy harmony
7. soared: go up high in the sky ; flew.
- 8 .stretched: make longer, wider
9. tender green: light green
10. stalks: stems of plants
11. paused: to stopped
12. swift: gently; slowly



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