



## Lesson 7

### Woodman, Spare that Tree

#### SOLUTIONS:

#### 1. Answer the following questions :

i) Why does the poet want the woodman to spare the tree?

Ans: The poet wants the woodman to spare the tree because the tree was very dear to him. It was planted by his forefather and he had fond memories of his childhood around the tree, where he sought its shade, played with his sisters, kissed by his mother and his father placed his hand lovingly. So, he cannot easily let anyone cut down his old friend.

ii) Give the various reasons for which he wants to protect the tree.

Ans: There are various reasons for which he wanted to protect the tree:

- The old oak tree was planted by his forefather near the cottage.
- He sought its shelter when he was an idle boy, he played there with his sister, his mother kissed him and his father lovingly held his hands under the tree.
- The old oak tree is his old friend who was the silent witness of his past.

#### 2. i) What does the poet mean when he says,

a) And I ' ll protect now ?

Ans: Here in this line, the poet exerts his firm stand to save the tree from being harm at any cost. He believed that it was his duty and responsibilities to save his old friend . It shows his great bond with the tree.

b) I sought its grateful shade?

Ans: “ I sought its grateful shade” meant the poet when he was an idle boy he used to seek or find peace under the shade of the tree.

c) Forgive the foolish tear?

Ans: In this given line, the poet requested the woodman to forgive his foolish tear which was the result of his glorious childhood memories. The connection of the tree with his family members made him emotional. Those loving incidents were very dear to him that he cannot see the old oak tree being harmed. So, he wants to protect the tree from any harm.

d) My heartstrings round thee cling?

Ans: Here, the poet shows his deepest feelings of love or pity for his old oak tree. He loves the tree for those memorable incidents; it has become inseparable part of his life. The tree is very close to its bark. Likewise, the poet is very close and inseparable part of the tree.

e) Old tree ! The storm will brave ?

Ans: Here, the poet expressed that the oak tree has grown old and weak . That even the storm can easily destroy the tree.

**3. Find out the rhyming words in the first stanza and write them down.**

Tree ..... me  
Bough ..... now  
Hand ..... stand  
Cot ..... not

***RHYMING WORD : A Rhyming word is a repetition of the similar sound in the final stressed syllable and following syllables of two or more words. Most often used for effect in the final position of lines of poems and songs.***



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