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CHAPTER 2 - COROMANDAL FISHERS
SAROJINI NAIDU

NOTES

SUMMARY

The “Coromandal fishers” is a lyrical poem written by Sarojini Naidu. In this poem, the poetess describes the life of the fishermen. The leader of the fishermen is giving a call to his comrades to start their work early in the morning. He asked them to get up from their sleep. He tells them to collect their fishing nets, untie their boats and venture into the sea to catch the fish. He calls themselves as the sons of the sea. In his opinion, sea is their mother, for it is the source of their livelihood.

He tells them not to delay, but to follow the seagull’s path. He considers the sea as their mother, the cloud as their brother and waves as their friends. He asked them to be brave and not to be afraid even if the sea god drives them to a remote place when the night sets in. He is confident that god who has the power to control the storm will definitely protect them.

In the opinion of the fisherman, the shade of the coconut glade, the scent of the mango grove, the sands of a full moon day with the sound of people they love are all sweet. But the kiss of the spray and dance of the wild foam are sweeter. He implores his comrades to row till they reach the horizon.

POETIC DEVICES USED IN THE POEM

Personification - “The wakening skies pray to the morning light”.

Simile - “The wind lies asleep in the arms of dawn like a child”

Metaphor - “The sea is our mother’

“The cloud is our brother”

“The waves are comrades all”