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**CLASS X**  
**ENGLISH LITERATURE READER**  
**CHAPTER 2 - THREE YEARS SHE GREW IN SUN AND SHOWER**  
**WILLIAM WORDSWORTH**

**NOTES**

William Wordsworth's Poem "Three Years She Grew in Sun and Shower" is a lyrical elegy on the untimely demise of Lucy. In this poem, Wordsworth personified nature. He points out education of nature, and the great influence nature can exercise on human life. Nature has the power to impart education better than all the sages can. The experiment of nature's education has to be tried on Lucy by nature itself. Nature thinks that she is the most beautiful thing on earth; nature takes her to make a lady of her own. So, Lucy lived in close communion with the objects of nature, rocks, earth, glades, heaven, mountains, clouds, trees and storms. But before she could be a perfect woman, she was snatch away by the cruel hands of death. This short poem profoundly teaches us the universal truth of the nature of life, that is, we are from nature, we are sustained by nature and we have to return to nature.

**POETIC DEVICES USED IN THE POEM**

Simile - Sportive as the fawn

Metaphor - loneliness flower on earth was never shown

Personification - Nature, floating cloud, willow, vital feelings of delight