



LESSON 12

IF I KNEW

SOLUTIONS:

COMPREHENSION

1. Answer the following questions:

i) What would the poet do if she were to find the box where smiles were kept?

Ans: If she were to find the box where smiles were kept, she would do her best to open the box and spread all those smiles on lands, seas etc. no matter how large the key or strong the bolt, she would try so hard to open it.

ii) Where would the poet scatter the smiles and why?

Ans: The poet would scatter the smiles and let them dazzle on the children's face so that they might hold them fast for many days.

iii) Where would the poet gather all the frowns in the world?

Ans: The poet would gather all the frowns in the world from everyone and also from the children's face right from nursery to the children in the street.

iv) After gathering the frowns what would the poet do?

Ans: After gathering the frowns the poet would pack them in a large box, lock it up with a big monster key and would hire a giant to throw the box into the depths of ocean.

v) Write a few sentences on what the poet thinks about smiles and frowns?

Ans: A smile in any form is a good sign and a simple smile can make someone's day. Smiles signify happiness, joy, good news and love. The poet here in this poem expresses her desire to make everyone happy. She loves to see smile on the face of children. On the other hand, she doesn't like sorrows and sufferings of the people. Frowns indicate sadness and worry. She wants to collect all the frowns from everyone and also from the children's face and likes to pack them and throw them into the depths of ocean.