

Grade 7 A/B Literature

Week 02

Lesson 03

Poetry

I vow to thee my country – Sir Cecil Spring- Rice

Read the poem carefully. There are some old English words (Archaic language) used in the poem.

Ex: thee = you

This is a patriotic hymn composed in 1921.

Hymn = prayer (They are musical)

The poem described how a Christian owes his loyalties to both his homeland(motherland) and heavenly kingdom (heaven).

The poem further emphasized on the faithful, love and sacrifice that a citizen has towards one's motherland.

Finally, the expectation of the citizens of a country is peace as mentioned in the last stanza.

Nobody expects the countries to be with fortresses; armless etc as they represent war, attacks or battles which harm the peace of a country.

Find the meanings of the following words.

- a) Vow
  - b) Altar
  - c) Falter
  - d) Undaunted
  - e) Fortress
  - f) Entire
  - g) Bounds
  - h) Earthly things
- Pay attention to the rhyming scheme; narrative style and techniques.
- 1) Write a short description of the poet Sir Cecil Spring Rice.
  - 2) Write 5 technique you have noticed in the poem with examples.
  - 3) We may not count her armies who is her referred to?
  - 4) What kind of a vow is made by me poet on behalf of his country as mentioned in the 1<sup>st</sup> stanza?

