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CLASS – IV

ANSWER: WORKSHEET – 16

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SUBJECT – ENGLISH TEXT

POEM – SONG FOR A BEETLE IN A GOLDFISH BOWL

Answer the following questions:-

1. Explain the first seven lines of the poem “Song for a Beetle in a Goldfish Bowl”.

A beetle fell into the goldfish bowl,
Hey ho!
The beetle began to struggle and roll,
Ho - hum!
The window was open, the moon shine bright,
The crickets were singing with all their might,
But a blundering beetle had muddled his flight

Ans: The poem “Song for a Beetle in a Goldfish Bowl” was written by Ruskin Bond. It was a moonlit night. The crickets were singing with all their might. As the window was open, the beetle made a careless mistake with his flight. He fell into the goldfish bowl and began to struggle and roll in it.

2. Explain the following lines of the poem “Song for a Beetle in a Goldfish Bowl”.

And here was now, in a watery plight,
Having given the goldfish a terrible fright,
Ho hum, hey – ho!
The beetle swam left, the beetle swam right,
Hum – ho!
Along came myself – I said, ‘Lord, what a sight!
That poor old beetle will drown tonight.

Ans: This poem is written by Ruskin Bond. The beetle had muddled his flight and fell into the goldfish bowl. He had put himself in a dangerous situation. He swam right and left and frightened the goldfish. The poet here feels pity for the beetle as he understands that the beetle would get drowned that night in that goldfish bowl if he is not rescued.

3. How did the poet rescue the beetle? Why was the goldfish pleased?

Ans: The poet caught the beetle with his finger and thumb and took it out of the goldfish bowl. As the window was open, the poet thrust the beetle out in the night. The beetle first flew in a confused manner. Then it surprisingly managed to fly away. The goldfish was pleased as the poet was able to take the struggling beetle out of the goldfish bowl.

4. Write the summary of the poem, "Song for a Beetle in a Goldfish Bowl".

Ans: The poem "Song for a Beetle in a Goldfish Bowl" is written by Ruskin Bond. He narrates about the plight of a beetle who fell into a goldfish bowl and was nearly drowned. The goldfish in the bowl was frightened of the beetle. When the poet saw the beetle struggling in the water he felt sorry for the beetle. So he picked up the beetle, from the water and let it fly outside the window. The poet and the goldfish were pleased that the beetle was rescued.