

Class: VIII

Subject: English Language (Worksheet - 2)

Read the poem given below and answer the questions that follow.

The old priest Peter Giligan
Was weary night and day;
For half his flock were in their beds,
Or under green sods lay.
Once while he nodded on a chair,
At the moth-hour of eve,
Another poor man sent for him,
And he began to grieve.
'I have no rest, nor joy, nor peace,
For people die and die';
And after cried he, 'God forgive!
My body spake, not I!
He knelt, and leaning on the chair
He prayed and fell asleep;

And the moth-hour went from the fields,
And stars began to peep.
'Mavrone, mavrone! the man has died
While I slept on the chair';
He roused his horse out of its sleep,
And rode with little care.
He rode now as he never rode,
By rocky lane and fen;
The sick man's wife opened the door:
'Father! You come again!'

(Extracted from W.B. Yeats' poem)

Find words in the poem that mean:

- a. tired b. feel sad c. look secretly

Answer the following questions.

- Why was Peter Giligan weary?
- Was Peter Giligan a good priest? How do we know?
- Why, do you think, did the sick man's wife say 'Father! You come again!' Who had come earlier to the sick man's house?
- Can you think of another title for the poem?
- Complete the following passage by taking ideas from the poem.

There was an old priest whose name was Once there was some epidemic or illness that affected all the people of his village. Half the villagers were while the others were already In their hour of trouble, the villagers kept calling for the priest to help them find the strength to overcome their troubles. As a result the priest was and He was a —person who did his duties, but one day, when a man came to ask him to visit another man who was on his death bed, the priest cried out in anguish that but immediately felt sorry that he had said these words and asked God to as it was his and not he, himself.